



Let's work together to tackle hate crime

Crimes against people with autism and learning disabilities are in the news more often. There has been little reliable evidence about the nature of victimisation to help advise community safety policy and practice.

Our three-year research is complete and we want to share with you our findings and recommendations at our dissemination conference:

Monday 20th January 2014

Wolfson Theatre, New Academic Building, 54 Lincoln's Inn Fields,
London School of Economics, London, WC2A 3LJ

4.15pm - 8pm

Who should attend? Researchers, policy makers, local authority commissioners and support providers, police, health care commissioners and providers, teachers, people with autism and learning disabilities, family carers and those working in the criminal justice system.

Our research

This three-year research project was carried out by the Tizard Centre at the University of Kent, **autism london**, **mcch** and Kent Police.

Working in Medway and Kent, we wanted to find out:

- how many people with autism and learning disabilities are victimised
- the characteristics of victims and what happens to them
- who perpetrators are
- barriers to reporting incidents and getting support
- the impact that the experiences and fears of victimisation has on wellbeing
- what the police find difficult in responding to reports

Almost half the adults with learning disabilities and autism surveyed told researchers that they had been victimised when they were out and about in the community. Their experiences included physical attacks, threats, verbal abuse, damage to their property and name calling. Some made significant changes to avoid further incidents, including moving home.

Would you like to find out more?

The full findings and recommendations will be presented at a free conference to be held at:

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Registration and light refreshments from 3.30pm
Refreshments provided at 6pm



Although the conference will have an academic focus, the presentations will be kept as accessible as possible and the Executive summary report will be provided including an easy read version.

If you would like to attend please contact j.ruffels@kent.ac.uk and let us know as soon as possible. Places will be limited.