

Jamie's My Barnsley Too presentation – hate crime and harassment,

Hi, my name is Jamie Cash and I am a My Barnsley Too Delegate. That means I represent my Barnsley too, primarily on disability hate crime and harassment. I think disability hate crime is a very important issue and needs to be tackled.

I have been contributed to the development of the One Barnsley hate crime and harassment strategy and also sit on the Community Challenge Board, which looks at progress on hate crime. Brian Whitaker also represents My Barnsley Too on the Community Challenge Board alongside me.

Last week, I attended a Conference in Sheffield about hate crime, which was hosted by South Yorkshire Police. It was very interesting. One of the speakers was Julian Horsler, who spoke about the work being done in Barnsley to tackle hate crime and harassment. I listened to all the speakers, including a Transgender woman who had really suffered badly from hate crime.

We also heard about experiences of disability hate crime which have been broadcast on programmes like Panorama, in the programme called "Why do you Hate Me". People's experiences were really sad and shocking and mainly the result of ignorance and cruelty. We need to work hard as a society to prevent this from happening in the future.

There will be a report from the conference, so that lessons can be learnt from other areas in South Yorkshire and we can work together to tackle hate crime.

I'm here to represent you as members of My Barnsley Together, so please speak to me if you would like me or Brian to raise any issues at the Challenge Board.

Thank you for listening.