

# Stand by me – police promise

We want all police services to promise to stand by people with a learning disability to end hate crime.

We are asking the police to commit to ten promises that will make a huge difference for the victims of disability hate crime.

**By signing-up to the promises, we pledge to:**

- 1. Make sure that information is available and presented in a suitable form.**
- 2. Get better evidence and increase convictions by allowing more time for interviews, particularly where the victim has difficulty communicating.**
- 3. Understand how to identify if someone has a learning disability.**
- 4. Listen to, respect and involve families, carers and support staff of disabled people.**
- 5. Challenge discriminatory attitudes and language among fellow officers.**
- 6. Ensure that victims are kept up to date with the progress of the case once they have reported a crime.**
- 7. Recognise that disability hate crime is as harmful as other types of hate crime.**
- 8. Don't label disability hate crime as anti-social behaviour – identify the crime and deal with it.**
- 9. Hold regular beat meetings and ensure they are open to disabled people.**
- 10. Display the Stand by me promises where everyone can see them.**

For guidance on implementing this pledge, please visit [www.mencap.org.uk/standbyme](http://www.mencap.org.uk/standbyme)

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