Introduction to event and theme of Hidden Hate
What is a DDPO?

- Stands for Deaf & Disabled People’s Organisation
- Led by and for Disabled people
- Developed out of the Disability Rights Movement

We use the word Disabled as a positive term linked to the Disability Rights Movement, and we say “nothing about us without us”
Social Model of Disability

Too many barriers!
London Deaf & Disabled People Organisation Hate Crime Partnership

• Started in April 2018
• Led by and for Disabled people
• 24 member organisations
• Only one of its kind in UK
• Capacity Building
• Campaigns
• Policy Responses
• Representation
What is a hate crime?

Any crime that is an attack on who we are.

The abuser is telling us we are not wanted here.

It affects the victim and the community around us because it is so personal.

Deaf & Disabled people can experience any form of hate crime.
Recipe for hidden hate

- Think of Disabled people as ‘vulnerable’
- Ableism – ‘It’s what they deserve’
- Internalised Ableism – ‘I don’t deserve better’
- Attacks on Disabled people seen as ‘motiveless’
- Don’t see the signs or patterns
- Minimise lived experience - ‘I don’t believe you’
- ‘you aren’t being targeted because of who you are’
- Referrals not reports - Safeguarding adult / anti-social behaviour / Safer neighbourhood team
- ‘everyday experience, not worth making a fuss’
Lifting the lid

• Helping people and organisations understand nature of hate crime
• Encouraging allyship through training
• Setting up our own project to collect data and insights into low reporting & other types of support
• Deep diving into data recorded as something else
• Using that data to influence policy makers
• Working with key stakeholders
• Campaigns & policy responses
Current Campaign

Overall Aim: To raise awareness and improve services for Disabled victims of hate crime

• Partnership meetings
• Survey of member organisations
• Data Collation on HC support from DDPOs
• Collecting best practice evidence
• Legislation responses and ongoing
• Reporting to London Assembly
• Presenting at Greater London Authority
• Research into UK experience
• Media coverage
• Working group with key agencies (including Crown Prosecution Service, Police, Victim’s Commissioner)
• Lobbying funders to provide grants to DDPOs
Poor Police Response
Published in November 2021
Key recommendations for police:
• Reinstate Disability Hate Crime Matters
• Challenge Disablism
• Multi-agency working
• Use of new tech to identify links between anti-social behaviour / safeguarding
• Scrutiny Panels for Disability Hate Crime cases

Great Police Response
The senior police officers in charge of hate crime were open, willing and committed to make changes. They have already:

• Set up a new working group with Inclusion London and other key partners
• Working through recommendations in report
London MOPAC Police & Crime Plan

• London Mayor’s Office for Police & Crime Plan
• Plan is from now until 2025
• Three years to make a difference for Disabled Londoners

The pandemic has exposed long standing inequalities in our society disproportionately affecting Disabled Londoners.

• Needs Disabled people’s voices in all areas of London Mayor’s work, not just hate crime
  – Exploitation / gangs
  – Young Disabled people
  – Disabled women and domestic violence
  – Disabled people from Black and Minority Ethnic Communities
  – Disabled victims of all crime
We need better laws

Law Commission Hate Crime Law Reform

Online Safety Bill

Victims Bill
Getting our voices heard

We are stronger, together

Collaborations and partnerships
- Local, national campaigns
- Clear, collective messages
- Different ways to tell our stories
Nothing About Us Without Us

Improving Disabled people’s lives makes everyone’s lives better.

Disabled Rights are Human Rights

- Listen to us
- Work with us to make changes to services
- Partner with us
- Fund us
- Learn more about barriers affecting us
- Be our allies
- Challenge own ideas about Disabled people
Think about your questions & comments to ask in the open discussion

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