**HATE & MATE CRIME**

*What is hate & mate crime?*

**Hate crime** is the term used by criminal justice agencies like the police or the Crown Prosecution Service to describe an incident or crime against someone based on a part of their identity. There are five categories of ‘identity’ when a person is targeted because of a hostility or prejudice towards their:

* Disability
* Race or ethnicity
* Religion or belief (which includes non-belief)
* Sexual orientation
* Gender identity

Hate crime can be any criminal or non-criminal act such as graffiti, vandalism to a property, name calling, assault or online abuse using social media. A hate crime is committed if the victim or any other person perceives that the crime was motivated by hostility or prejudice based on a person’s identity or perceived identity as described above.

**Mate crime** is when a person is harmed or taken advantage of by someone they thought was their friend. Mate crime may include:

* Financial abuse
* Physical abuse
* Emotional abuse
* Sexual abuse

It is worth knowing that:

* Mate crime does not start with bullying but it can become bullying.
* It starts with people saying they are your friend.
* Mate crimes often happen in private and are not seen by others.
* Mate crimes are Disability Hate Crimes and should be reported to the Police.

*How to get help*

Speak to any member of College staff or speak to the College Safeguarding Team on 01226 216 142 or via email at safeguarding@barnsley.ac.uk

*Other support*

<nspcc.org.uk> – 0808 800 5000

Childline – 0800 1111 (24 hours)