

# Disability Hate Crime Focus Groups

## Easy Read Guide



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United Response is running four meetings during November to ask disabled people about their experiences.

We want to find out more about **disability hate crime**.



A hate crime is when a crime is committed against you because of who you are. This may be because of someone's race, religion, gender, sexuality, or disability.

A person who has experienced a hate crime is called a **victim**.



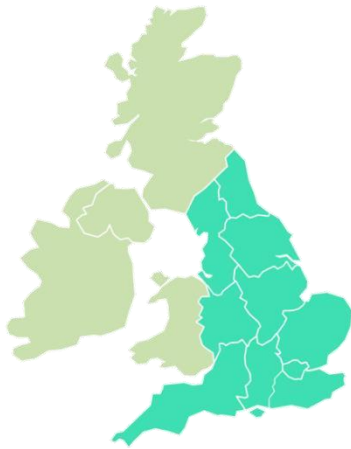
We want to look at disability hate crime happening on **public transport**.

Public transport is a way of travelling members of the public can use. These are things like buses, trains, trams, and the underground.



United Response wants to find out more about victims' experiences.

We want to find out how we can stop disability hate crimes happening on public transport.



We are running four meetings in four different cities in **England**.

These meetings are called **focus groups**.



The cities the focus groups are happening in are **Birmingham, Leeds, Plymouth, and London**.



We have chosen cities that are spread out across England so that lots of different people can attend.

Each focus group will happen on a different date.



**Birmingham** on the 21st of January.  
**Leeds** on the 30th of January.  
**Plymouth** on the 5th of February.  
**London** on the 12th of February.



Each focus group will happen in a meeting room in the city.

If you'd like to come to the group, we will tell you where to go so you can attend.



Our focus groups will be **in person**.

Each session will last about **3 hours**.

There will be breaks during the day.

We will also provide some food and drink.





The venues we have chosen are wheelchair-friendly.

They also have accessible toilets.



The venues will also have quiet spaces.

You can use these quiet spaces whenever you need to.



Each group will have **8 disabled people** who want to talk about their experiences.

There will also be some researchers from United Response to help.



We will be talking about disability hate crime on public transport and ways to stop it happening.



We might discuss sad or scary things, including times when people experienced hate crime.

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Before the focus group, we will send you an Easy Read document with some questions we will be discussing.



Your carer or support worker can attend, if you need one.



If you are picked to attend, we will pay you £150.



If you need a carer or support worker, we will help pay for their travel too.

You can let us know you want to attend by filling in a form on our website.

When you have filled in the form, we will let you know if we want you to come to our focus group.



You can ask someone you trust to help fill in the form if you want.



Click this link to find our page about the focus groups: [Disability Hate Crime Focus Groups - United Response](#)





At the bottom of that webpage there is a heading called 'Express your interest in taking part in a focus group'.

You can find the form you need to fill in there.



On our form you need to tell us information about yourself so we can get in touch with you.



You need to tell us why you want to come to our focus groups. You can use text or send us a video.





If you have any questions, you can email us.

Send your email to:  
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