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EMPAC Victims, Witnesses and Public Protection Network
Research Project: Hate Crime Post-Brexit: A Study of Migrant Experiences of Hate Crime in Lincolnshire, England

Interview Schedule

[Start by introducing researcher and the project. Go over the Informed Consent Form and Participant Information Sheet, highlighting right to withdraw consent, anonymity and confidentiality. Also highlight those issues which researchers would be obliged to report to the authorities. Ask if ok with recording device being used and inform participant of storage of data]

1. Could you tell me about your background, where you are from, and your move to Lincolnshire / the UK?
2. Could you tell me your perceptions of the area you live in? Here I am interested in the community make up, community cohesion, your engagement in the area. What was your first impression when arriving here and has that changed?
3. What, if any, types of local community and public spaces do you frequent?
4. Could you tell me in your own words about your experience of hate crime/incidents in your area (the type of incident, the perpetrator/s, their motivations for the abuse, the severity of the incident)?
5. How frequently have you experience hate crime? This can include online hate as well as in person.
6. How have these experiences affected you? In particular your sense of community engagement/cohesion.
7. Are there any spaces in particular where you feel you may be a target of hate? And why? This can include physical and virtual environments (i.e. online spaces / social media).
8. Do you feel 'safe' in your community? Why/why not?
9. How do you negotiate these spaces? (E.g. do you stop using them, do you use them at particular times or with particular people?)
10. Have you reported any hate crime offences to the police, or to other authorities / charities? (If not, why not?)
11. If Yes to question 9 – what was your experience when you reported the hate crime to the police/organisation? Can you talk me through the process you encountered and what the outcome was?

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12. If No to 9 (or for some incidents) What would encouraged you to make a report to the police?
13. Did you inform anyone else of the offence(s) (i.e. community leaders, family members etc.) and if so how did they respond?
14. If you did make a report, which offences did you report? (E.g. what is classified as the most 'serious'? Physical? Online?)
15. In general what is your experience of the police in your community?
16. How did you contact them when you reported the hate crime? Were there any difficulties in making contact or communicating with them?
17. How did the police respond both to you and to the incident in question?
18. In what ways might your experience of the police have been improved?
19. Is there anything else the police could do differently to better support victims of hate crime?
20. If not already mentioned, has the recent EU referendum (Brexit) had any impact on your experiences of hate crime/incidents in your area? I.e. have you experienced more hate crime or abuse? If so, in what ways?
21. Has the community you live/work in changed since the referendum and if so in what way?
22. Is there anything else you think should be done to stop hate crime and better support victims?
23. Do you have any questions for us? Or anything you would like to add that hasn't been covered?

[Thank participant for their time and go over the right to withdraw, informed consent, anonymity and confidentiality, and who to contact post-interview if they wish to withdraw]