

**CPS North East**

**Disability Hate Crime Navigator Workshops**

**Newcastle: Wednesday 25th March 2015**

Disability North, The Dene Centre, Castle Farm Road, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne NE3 1PH

**Middlesbrough: Friday 27th March 2015**

St Mary’s Centre, Corporation Road, Middlesbrough TS1 2RW

**Durham: Thursday 9th April 2015**

North Road Methodist Church, 28 North Road

 Durham DH1 4SG

***What are the workshops?***

The CPS acknowledges that Disability Hate Crime is under-reported, and there are many reasons for this – including a lack of awareness of what constitutes a disability hate crime; and a reluctance to report incidents to the police. These workshops have been developed by the CPS nationally with a view to informing advice workers, advocates, and others who work with disabled people, about disability hate crime and the prosecution process. It may be that many incidents will be mentioned by disabled people, almost in passing, to people who are supporting them in relation to other matters. This workshop is intended to enable those workers to support a victim of disability hate crime in navigating their way through the system, should they wish to involve the Criminal Justice Agencies.

***Who should attend?***

* Advocates working with disabled people
* Information and/or Advice workers whose client base includes disabled people
* Care/support workers
* Housing providers
* Anyone else whose work involves supporting disabled people

***Aims of the Day***

Through presentations, question and answer sessions and the use of practical examples the workshop aims to improve awareness and understanding of:

* Disability hate crime prosecution policy
* Roles and responsibilities
* Relevant definitions
* How the process works in practice

**To book a place** please complete the attached booking form and return (by e-mail or post) **by 8.30 a.m. Monday 16th March 2015**

to Caroline Airs:

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**Please note:** places are limited, and it may therefore be necessary to limit the number of participants from one organisation – places will be confirmed after the closing date

Lunch and refreshments will be provided, but unfortunately we are not able to reimburse travel expenses.