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## Religion or Belief Hate Crime

- There were 76 recorded motivating factors related to religiously motivated hate incidence in Wales during 2013-14 (Office for National Statistics, 2014)
- Based on data from the CSEW for 2011/12 and 2012/13, it is estimated that there were an average of 70,000 incidents of religiously motivated hate crime per year. This total was split fairly evenly between personal crimes (34,000 incidents) and household crimes (36,000). (Crime Survey for England and Wales, 2013)
- An analysis of racially motivated hate crime by religion shows that Muslim adults were more likely to be a victim of racially motivated hate crime (2%) than other adults (Crime Survey for England and Wales, 2013)
- The All Wales Hate Crime research in 2013 highlights that in relation to the most serious incidents, faith hate crime victims are the most likely to be victimised by more than one perpetrator (78%), victims were the least likely to encourage other victims to report (84%) (All Wales Hate Crime Research, 2013)
- The expectation of being harassed in a public place was higher among Muslims (34%) and Hindus (29%) (British Crime Survey, 2011)
- Through the Tell MAMA helpline for anti-Muslim hate, there were 729 self-reported cases between 1 March 2014 and 28 February 2015 across the UK, 402 incidents of online abuse. 7 offline cases involved 'extreme violence', 21 constituted assault and 29 involved threats. Tell MAMA Report 2014/2015

## Case Study . . .

Ayesha is an ethnic minority woman in her twenties who wears a headscarf as part of her beliefs as a practising Muslim. She was not born or brought up in the UK and moved to Wales approximately 12 years ago and was in full time employment and accessing mainstream services as and when they were required.

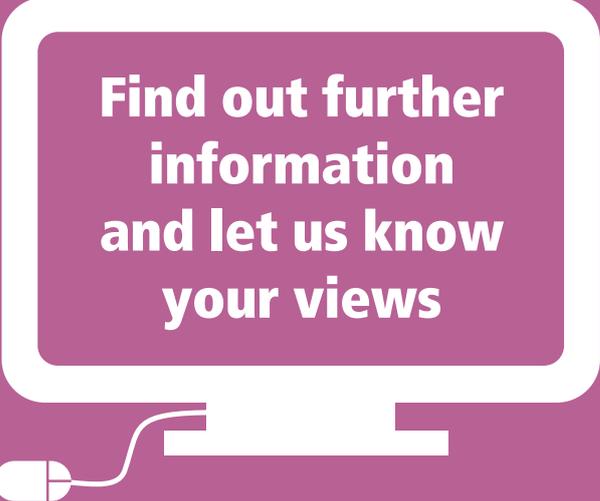
An incident took place when she was out in a shopping centre with a female family member. They were having lunch in the food court and she sat with her back to the crowd whilst her relative sat across from her. They were just chatting away when she suddenly felt a sharp pain on the back of my head and as she was recovering from the pain and the shock, she heard a voice say to her, "May God be with you" followed by laughter.

She managed to compose herself and turned her head to find 3 people (2 young men and a young woman) standing a few feet away from her laughing. Her relative told her that it was one of them who had hit her and she got up to confront them as she was really angry that not only had she been hit but the perpetrators were standing around laughing about it. She shouted at them and asked them what their problem was and by this time people in the food court were staring at them. Her relative was really uncomfortable with the attention and kept begging her to sit down and just 'let it go'.

The 3 of them then ran off and she headed over to the information counter to report to the staff what had happened. They were horrified when she told them about the incident and they dispatched security staff to search for the perpetrators. There were also police officers in the shopping centre and they joined the search.

Unfortunately the perpetrators could not be located. The incident has left a sense of paranoia about her personal safety. When she is out in public, she feels like she has to constantly be on her guard and be in a position where she may need to run/flee at any moment. She feels that no one should ever have to feel this way and that no one should ever have to fear violence because they happen to be different.

**Watch Samina Kahn** speak about her experiences of Islamophobic and racist hate crime and the impact this has on communities in Wales



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