

# Minister for Victims and Community Safety

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**“Sticks and stones may break  
my bones, but words make  
our lives a living hell.”**


People in Scotland experiencing abuse because of age,\* disability,  
race, religion, sexual orientation, transgender identity or variations  
in sex characteristics need our support and are protected by the law.

**HATE HURTS. IF YOU WITNESS A HATE CRIME, REPORT IT.**



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\*From 1 April 2024 hate crime law in Scotland includes age as a protected characteristic.



# Hate Crime Strategy Delivery Plan

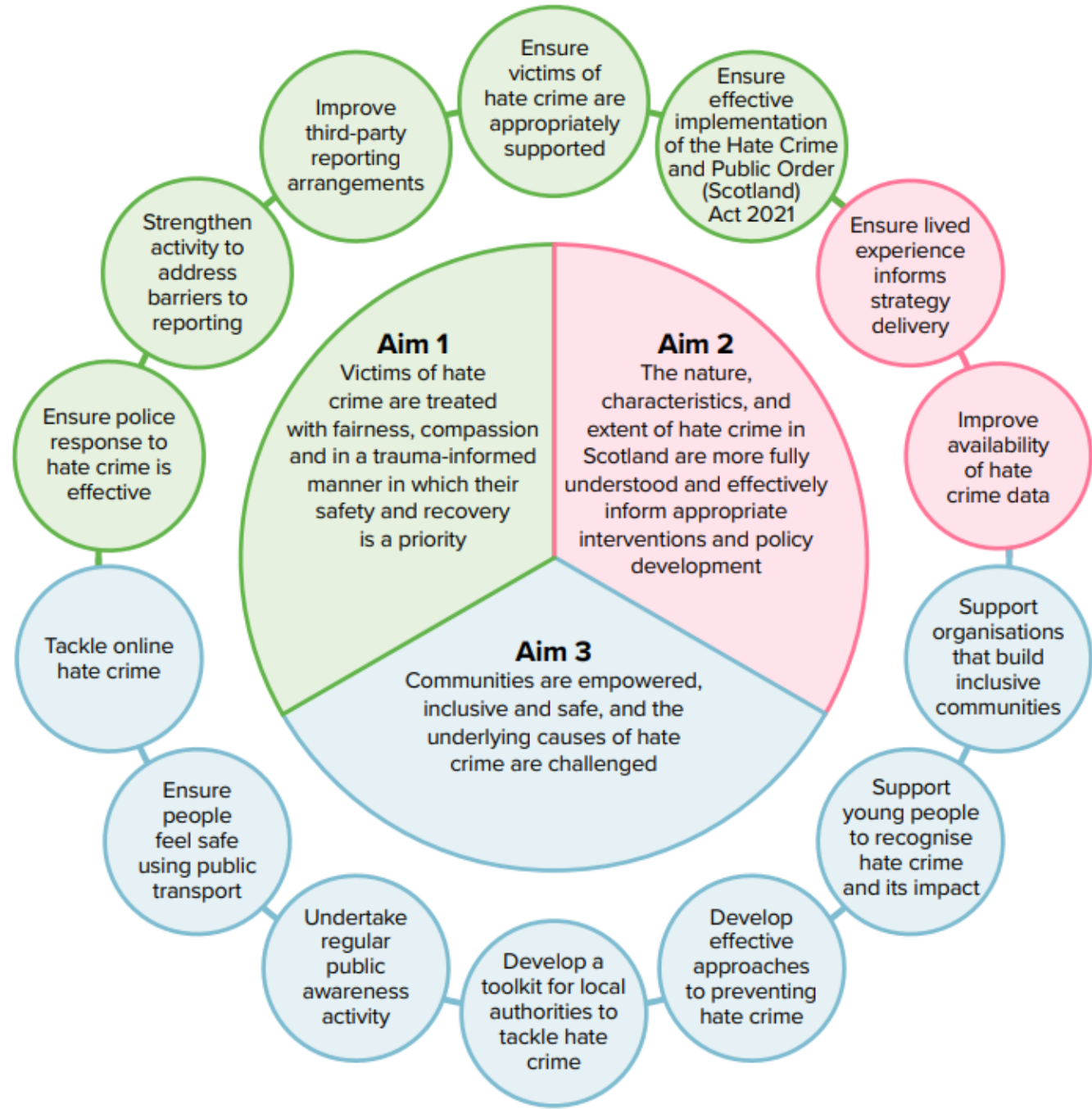
**Aim 1: Victims of hate crime are treated with fairness, compassion and in a trauma-informed manner in which their safety and recovery is a priority.**

**Aim 2: The nature, characteristics, and extent of hate crime in Scotland are more fully understood and effectively inform appropriate interventions and policy development.**

**Aim 3: Communities are empowered, inclusive and safe, and the underlying causes of hate crime are challenged.**



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