



HUMBERSIDE POLICE AUTHORITY

PRESS INFORMATION

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Disabled Fayre Attracts Police Authority Attention

HumberSide Police Authority will be on the hunt for information at a Disability Fayre in Withernsea on 23 March 2010.

To ensure that every member of the community has the opportunity to shape the delivery of local policing services, the Authority is trying to find out what particular barriers disabled people face if they come into contact with the police.

The Authority's Engagement and Equalities Officer, Claire Harrison, is attending the Fayre to raise awareness of the ways in which the Police Authority can drive improvements for people with disabilities, including accessibility to services and to highlight its role in equality issues.

In addition, she hopes to create further opportunities to engage with disabled communities to ensure that their voice is heard when policing priorities are set for the year.

The initiative is part of the Authority's wide ranging consultation with diverse communities, as it seeks to engage with disabled residents and provide the opportunity for them to talk about any concerns they may have.

People with disabilities and their friends or carers are invited to drop into the Fayre at Withernsea Pavilion Leisure Centre anytime between 10am and 3pm.

Chair of the Authority, Alene Branton MBE, said: "As a disabled person myself I understand the issues this community faces. It's important that the Authority has a constructive and open dialogue with those who really understand the difficulties faced by disabled people when accessing police services. This will help us learn from their experiences to improve the service provided."

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