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Project code	TSSP03
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Project title	An exploration of the prevalence of lifestyle factors including alcohol, drugs and mental health amongst young people who commit hate crimes.



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<p><b>Scientific Excellence</b> (500 words)</p>	<p>This multidisciplinary PhD will add to the growing work around public health and criminal justice and will be led by two internationally renowned academics in the field (Newbury-Birch and Copsey)</p> <p>Professor Newbury-Birch has led and been involved in a number of national studies with young people in the high school setting and within the criminal justice setting. She has over £14 million of research funding and has published nearly 100 journal articles. She sits on the NICE advisory board for the guidelines on alcohol interventions in the school setting as an expert in the field and has been involved in developing alcohol screening tools for the youth justice board. She is an expert in co-production work in the development and carrying out of research, especially with young people. She is the Strategic Director of the Centre for Crime, Harm Prevention and Security (CCHPS) at Teesside University.</p> <p>Professor Copsey is a specialist in fascism and anti-fascism. He is a Professor (Research) of Modern History, leads the Resilient and Secure Societies Grand Challenge, and directs the hate and prevention strand of the Centre for CCHPS. He has published extensively on the subject and has external research collaborations including the EU-funded Horizon 2020 project, Dialogue About Radicalisation and Equality (DARE). The DARE consortium, which brings together academic and civil society organisations from 9 EU and 4 non-EU countries, seeks to significantly increase our understanding of why and how young people become radicalised and enhance the effectiveness of counter-radicalisation measures.</p> <p>Dr. Shani Burke is an early career researcher specialising in far right hate crime. She was awarded her PhD in 2017 at</p>
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	<p>the University of Loughborough which explored Anti-Semitic and Islamophobic discourse of the British far-right on Facebook. This this was funded by the Glendonbrook Doctoral Fellowship at Loughborough University- 2013-2016. Dr. Burke has published widely on the experience of asylum seekers and hate crime.</p>
<p><b>Aim (400 words)</b></p>	<p>Hate crime is a prejudice-motivated crime which occurs when a perpetrator targets a victim because of his or her membership (or perceived membership) in a certain social group or race. 94,000 hate crimes were recorded by the police in England and Wales which is an increase of 17% on the previous year and more than double the number five years ago. A spike in hate crime was found in the UK at the time of the EU referendum with religiously aggravated offences 44% higher in the month following the referendum compared to the same month in the previous year.</p> <p>The aim of this PhD is to use a mixed methods approach to examine the prevalence of lifestyle factors including alcohol, drugs and mental health amongst young people who commit health crimes. The objectives are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To carry out a systematic review of the international literature in order to investigate prevalence of mental health, alcohol and drug use amongst young people in the criminal justice system and the links with different crimes (including hate crime).</li> <li>2. Investigating national UK criminal justice quantitative data to look at the levels of mental health and other variables (including trauma, drugs and alcohol) and whether these are different or similar for those that commit hate crime. This will</li> </ol>



	<p>also include looking at the services that young people are referred to.</p> <p>3. To carry out interviews with young people who have committed hate crimes and examine their lifestyle factors as well as their views on health issues to ascertain their views on the reasons they commit hate crimes.</p> <p>4. To triangulate the results and develop some recommendations for practice and early intervention.</p>
<b>Strategic Relevance (300 words)</b>	<p>This PhD has direct strategic relevance to work in the UK around the links between crime and public health issues. By looking at this topic in a multi-disciplinary way and by including young people in the development of the research and interpretation of the findings it could have impact at an individual and societal level.</p>
<b>Interdisciplinarity and fit with DTA3</b>	<p>This PhD will be linked between history, public health and criminology and psychology</p>
<b>Industrial Relevance (300 words)</b>	<p>There may be opportunities for the student to have short placements with colleagues in the UK and in Europe.</p>
<b>Economic and Societal Impact (300 words)</b>	<p>The increase in levels of hate crime in the UK have been identified as key areas where societal change is needed. By examining some of the lifestyle factors of young people that commit these crimes there is a possibility that both economic (costs of crime, costs of mental health, drug and alcohol use) and societal (less crime) can be realised.</p>



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Specific Admission Requirements	
Minimum IELTS score	



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