

## **Tell MAMA Annual Report 2015: NASACRE Summary**

The **Tell MAMA Annual Report** was launched in Parliament on 29th June this year. It highlights hate crime against Muslims in the UK. The report, entitled: *The Geography of Anti-Muslim Hatred*, looked at where Muslims reported hate crime against them. A number of interesting things were revealed:

- The majority of hate crimes were directed at women who were visibly Muslim
- The majority were perpetrated by white males
- The majority occurred on or near an A Road or transport hub

There was no correlation between places that Muslims were attacked and places of high unemployment or social deprivation.

11% of attacks were in places of education. In relation to this one of the comments in the report is: It is important that headteachers, teachers, and safeguarding leads in schools are trained to deal with Islamophobia and anti-Muslim hate (page 29).

The report also noted:

Given that schools are an important place for educating and socialising young people in multicultural settings, the fact that there are more incidents in educational institutions than took place against Muslim institutions is troubling. (page 39).

SACREs may wish to look at this **report in full** and ask the local authority what it is doing in light of the report. It may also want to ask how the local authority is working with transport providers to ensure that pupils who are identified as Muslims are being kept safe from bullying, intimidation and hate crime. What is clear is that girls and young women are much more vulnerable than their male counterparts so the question arises: what is the local authority and schools within the authority's area doing to ensure that these pupils are kept safe.

Of course there is a further question worth asking: if so much time is being given in many schools to the teaching of Islam in RE, why isn't this having a more positive impact on the lives of Muslims in Britain? If RE teachers are proud of their contribution to promoting shared values and community cohesion why is the percentage of hate crime against Muslims so high in schools?