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Hi, and welcome to Newsreel. I'm Carrie Morrison. Coming up:

- Scotland's new hate crime law

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But first...

Health News

Thousands of children in the UK are facing long waits for treatment for their eating disorders.

The charity, Beat, says that the number of people reporting eating disorders trebled during the COVID lockdown.

A recent report in London found that mental health services are not keeping up with demand for treatment. The report found that many hospitals don't have enough staff and are only able to help the most urgent cases.

Legal News

Now, Scotland has introduced a new law to fight hate crimes.

The law has created a new crime of "stirring up hatred".

Here's Scotland's first minister Humza Yousaf talking about the bill in the Scottish parliament:

Humza Yousaf: *We talk often about our commitment to tackle hatred. Those who experience hatred tell me that they don't just want warm words from their politicians, they want action and that's exactly what this Hate Crime Act intends to do.*

But critics say the law isn't clear enough about what "stirring up hatred" means.

So what do young people in Scotland think about this? I've been finding out. I first spoke with Chris.

Carrie: Chris, what do you know about this bill and why it's come about?

Chris: *From my understanding, it's due to provide greater protection for victims and communities that suffer from hate crime and abuse. And it's probably come about because there's been such, dramatic increase, especially in the last few years.*

to face

att ha framför sig

treatment

behandling

eating disorder

ätstörning

to treble

att tredubbla

to keep up with demand

här: att möta efterfrågan

staff

personal

urgent

akut

hate crime

hatbrott

to stir up

att anstifta

bill

lagförslag

commitment

åtagande

to tackle

att ta itu med

protection

skydd

to suffer

att lida

especially

framförallt

I also spoke with Kat.

Kat: *The inclusion of age is a new aspect, otherwise it basically just pulls together existing laws. At the moment it doesn't include sex, but it's intended to allow that to be added at a later date.*

Carrie: And do you think this will effectively tackle hate crime and abuse?

Chris: *I think the premise of these changes will, in a way, tackle hate crime and hopefully reduce it. But I think the biggest thing is providing that people feel safe enough to report the hate crimes.*

Carrie: And what do you think, Kat?

Kat: *I don't know how much of an impact it will have, since it's actually not a hugely drastic change. There's obviously criticism kind of both ways. Some people are saying that it's censoring free speech, as it were, and others saying that the threshold is still too high for things to be deemed as criminal.*

Carrie: Do you know anyone personally affected by a hate crime?

Kat: *I do know people that have been subject to daily verbal abuse, mostly based on race or religion. Though, I don't know anyone that's actually sought support specifically following a hate crime. And I suspect that most people don't feel able to do so.*

Carrie: And what about you, Chris?

Chris: *I mean I've personally suffered from hate crime in the sense of getting yelled things at the street, things yelled at my face in relation to my sexuality, how I dress, my gender, those sorts of things. And I didn't really get much help or support because I didn't feel there was help and support to get. I think I need to really see the action of these amendments and of this bill to really have the confidence in it.*

Thank you to Kat and Chris.

Music News

[Karma by JoJo Siwa]

That was JoJo Siwa's latest song, Karma, and her music video has gone viral.

JoJo was a famous child star in the US reality TV show Dance Moms. She went on to be a teen pop star, usually sporting pastel colours and giant bows with a high ponytail.

Since then she has come out as gay, and in the video she's wearing all black with intense eye makeup. She said: "At some point, everybody has a moment of being the bad one. I'm not afraid of being bad anymore."

That's all for this week.

I'll be back on May 4th.

Goodbye!

inclusion
inkludering, medräknande
aspect
synvinkel, aspekt
abuse
här: övergrepp

to censor
att censurera
threshold
tröskel
to deem
att anse

to seek (sought – sought)
att söka upp

to yell
att skrika

amendment
ändring
to have confidence in sth
att ha förtroende för ngt

to sport
att ha på sig
bow
rosett