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PM told to 'police streets, not tweets' after No 10 supports officers recording controversial 'non-crime hate incidents'

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KEIR Starmer was last night told to 'police the streets, not tweets' after he backed the controversial investigation of 'non-crime hate incidents'.

The Prime Minister came under fire after No 10 said he supported police action to 'capture data' on incidents and comments which are not serious enough to constitute a crime.

Critics say the growing trend is a waste of police time and risks having a 'chilling effect' on free speech, with officers sometimes dealing with malicious complaints that amount to little more than hurt feelings.

The Free Speech Union has branded the tactics 'Orwellian' and described non-crime hate incidents

But No 10 said Sir Keir supported the practice, adding: 'It's important that the police can capture data relating to non-crime hate incidents where it is

proportionate and necessary to do so to help prevent serious crimes which may later occur.'

Downing Street said the Home Office was conducting a review, 'looking at how to do this while also balancing the fundamental right of free speech,

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