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2021 Summary

404 reports were received from the public in 2021.

- 154 of these reports were about racist criminal offences, including assault, threats, harassment and criminal damage.
- 90 reports were about illegal racist discrimination.
- 113 reports were about hate speech in the media or online, or by public figures.
- 14 reports of racist graffiti.

Only a quarter of crimes were reported to the police in 2021, which was much lower than in 2020.

The number of assaults remained as high in 2021 as in previous years. Most assaults were by strangers.

There were 39 reports of repeat harassment, over weeks, months or years. This was usually in the neighbourhood where someone lives, but also in work and school.

Sixteen reports were about racism at work or in applying for work. It is illegal to discriminate in employment on the grounds of race.

Thirty-six reports were about people being refused access to public transport, shops, hotels, gyms and other services. Three reports were about discrimination in accommodation. It is illegal to refuse access to goods or services, including accommodation, on the grounds of race.

Staff in public service organisations, including police, education, social welfare and local government, were responsible for 30% of reported racist discrimination. Public service organisations are obliged to comply with the Public Sector Equality and Human Rights Duty 2014, and should not discriminate against people on the grounds of race.

Racist language was heard in 55% of incidents, and in 75% of crimes.

Racist incidents had a psychological impact on the people involved in 88% of reports. In 15% of reports, there were physical injuries.

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