

ANNUAL REPORT OF RACIST  
INCIDENTS IN SOUTHAMPTON  
SCHOOLS  
SEPTEMBER 2003 – JULY 2004

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## INTRODUCTION

Following the Stephen Lawrence Inquiry Report, and the Race Relations Act 1979 (Statutory Duties) Order 2001, schools are required to monitor the impact of its policies including its race equality policy, and report on an annual basis.

To ensure that schools comply with these statutory duties schools are required to record all racist incidents. The form provided is reviewed regularly and a copy of the front page is required to be submitted to the LEA as anonymous information in order that annual reports can be produced. The LEA requests monthly racial harassment returns including nil returns when an e mail stating such will suffice.

The data collected from schools forms part of the Southampton Multi-agency Group on Racial Harassment (MAGRH) Annual Report, is reported on a termly basis to the Education and Leisure Services Management team and also contributes to the Local Authorities Corporate Best Value Performance Indicators 174 and 175. **Ofsted require LEA's to collect 90%+ returns from schools regarding Racial Harassment in order to be judged good in the promotion of race equality.**

At a recent meeting of the Resources Policy and Planning Management Partnership the following recommendations were made

- ◆ 90%+ returns from schools should be expected – To raise the profile of making returns, currently the average return rate is 60%
- ◆ To give schools an annual summary of the data collected
- ◆ To inform schools of any resources/guidance available to them
- ◆ Link inspectors to ask about Racial Harassment returns as part of the SSE visit

### KEY FINDINGS

- ◆ 43% of educational establishments have reported no racial incidents
- ◆ The majority of perpetrators are White British (82%), whereas with the complainant / victim there is no one overall majority group.
- ◆ Verbal Abuse accounted for 89% of the type of racist incidents
- ◆ The highest proportion of incidents happened in the Playground (43)%
- ◆ The majority of incidents occurred during playtime / lunchtime (50%), or at lesson time (44%)
- ◆ The rate of racist incidents in primary schools is nearly three times that of secondary

## ANALYSIS

### To date

- ◆ 205 reported incidents from 1/9/03 – 31/7/04 (6 incident forms are still being processed)
- ◆ Individual letters are being sent to schools advising them of their returns for academic year 2003/2004 and requesting any late returns.
- ◆ 38 schools have not reported a racial harassment incident since September 2003.

### Number of Incidents

The following table shows the number of incidents reported during 2003/2004. Out of 205 incidents, three quarters are in the Primary sector.

| 2003/2004        | Primary | Secondary | Special (inc PRUs) | Total |
|------------------|---------|-----------|--------------------|-------|
| No. of incidents | 156     | 43        | 6                  | 205   |
| NOR              | 16666   | 12235     | 403                | 29304 |
| Inc. per 1000    | 9.4     | 3.5       | 14.9               | 7.0   |

### No incidents

A summary table of the establishments by phase with no reported incidents since September 2003, a total of 43%.

| Type of establishment | Number of establishments |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| EY settings           | 3                        |
| Primary               | 27                       |
| Secondary             | 4                        |
| Special               | 4                        |

### Age group of complainant / victim

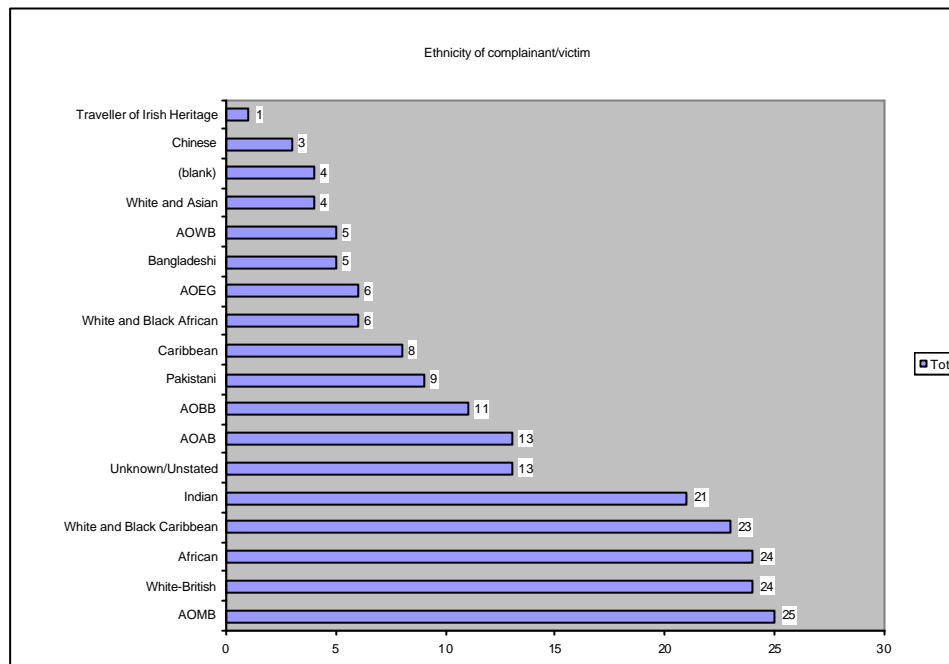
This summary table shows the age group of the complainant/victim.

| Age group    | Number of incidents | Percentage |
|--------------|---------------------|------------|
| Year R       | 2                   | 1%         |
| Year 1       | 3                   | 2%         |
| Year 2       | 12                  | 6%         |
| Year 3       | 26                  | 13%        |
| Year 4       | 36                  | 18%        |
| Year 5       | 41                  | 20%        |
| Year 6       | 28                  | 14%        |
| Year 7       | 8                   | 4%         |
| Year 8       | 2                   | 1%         |
| Year 9       | 9                   | 4%         |
| Year 10      | 8                   | 4%         |
| Year 11      | 1                   | 1%         |
| Adults       | 13                  | 6%         |
| Blank or N/A | 16                  | 8%         |

### Ethnicity of complainant / victim

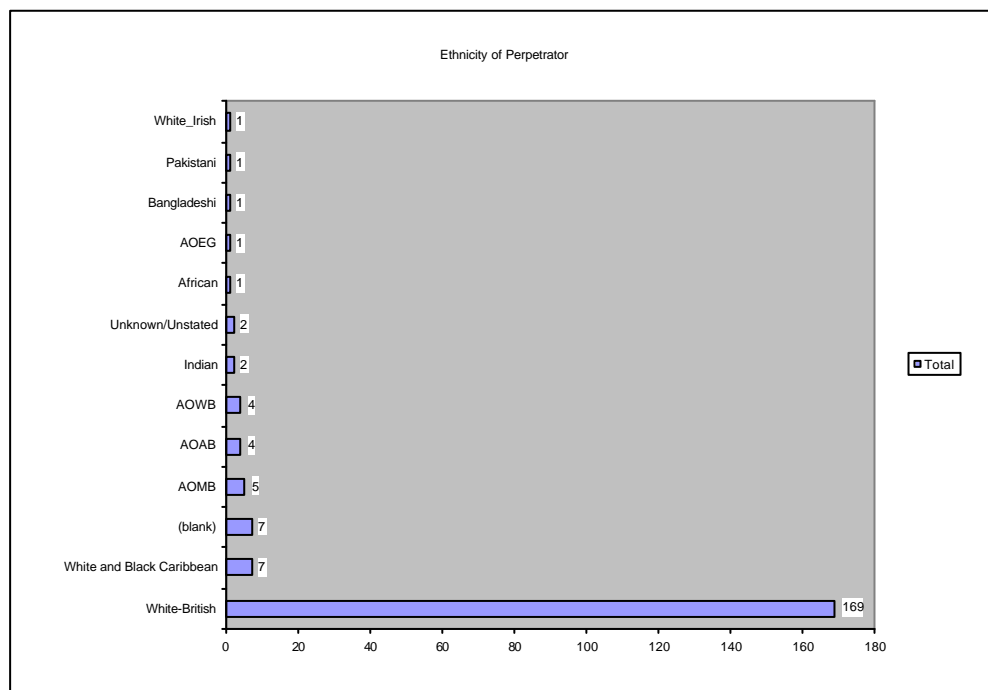
The following graph shows the ethnic group of the complainant / victim (as per the schools IMS). The ethnic groups with the highest number of complainants / victims were:

| Ethnic Group               | Number of complainants / victims | Percentage |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------|------------|
| Any other mixed background | 25                               | 12%        |
| White-British              | 24                               | 12%        |
| African                    | 24                               | 12%        |
| White and Black Caribbean  | 23                               | 11%        |
| Indian                     | 21                               | 10%        |



### Ethnicity of perpetrator

The following graph shows the ethnic group of the perpetrator (as per the schools IMS). The ethnic group with the highest number of perpetrators was White British – 169 (82%).



## Incidents according to the Ethnic Group

| Ethnic Group                      | Total No of pupils | Perpetrator                     |            | Victim                          |            |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|------------|---------------------------------|------------|
|                                   |                    | Number involved by ethnic group | % of group | Number involved by ethnic group | % of group |
| White British                     | 24457              | 169                             | 0.69       | 24                              | 0.10       |
| White Irish                       | 111                | 1                               | 0.90       |                                 |            |
| White Traveller of Irish Heritage | 10                 |                                 |            | 1                               | 10.00      |
| White Gypsy/Roma                  | 52                 |                                 |            |                                 |            |
| White other                       | 581                | 4                               | 0.68       | 5                               | 0.86       |
| White and Black Caribbean         | 384                | 7                               | 1.82       | 23                              | 5.99       |
| White and Black African           | 122                |                                 |            | 6                               | 4.92       |
| White and Asian                   | 274                |                                 |            | 4                               | 1.46       |
| Mixed other                       | 306                | 5                               | 1.63       | 25                              | 8.17       |
| Black Caribbean                   | 100                |                                 |            | 8                               | 8.00       |
| Black African                     | 215                | 1                               | 0.47       | 24                              | 11.16      |
| Black other                       | 57                 |                                 |            | 11                              | 19.30      |
| Indian                            | 889                | 2                               | 0.22       | 21                              | 2.36       |
| Pakistani                         | 539                | 1                               | 0.19       | 9                               | 1.67       |
| Bangladeshi                       | 284                | 1                               | 0.35       | 5                               | 1.76       |
| Asian other                       | 300                | 4                               | 1.33       | 13                              | 4.33       |
| Chinese                           | 148                |                                 |            | 3                               | 2.02       |
| Any other ethnic group            | 183                | 1                               | 0.55       | 6                               | 3.28       |

- ◆ There was 9 incidents reported with no Ethnicity identified for the perpetrator
- ◆ There was 17 incidents reported with no Ethnicity identified for the complainant / victim

## Type of Incident

The following table shows the number and the percentage of types of incidents.

| Type of Incident | Number of incidents | Percentage |
|------------------|---------------------|------------|
| Verbal Abuse     | 183                 | 89%        |
| Racist Conduct   | 12                  | 6%         |
| Physical Assault | 6                   | 3%         |
| Written Abuse    | 2                   | 1%         |
| Other            | 2                   | 1%         |

## Location of Incidents

The following table shows the number and the percentage of the location of the incidents

| Location of Incident | Number of incidents | Percentage |
|----------------------|---------------------|------------|
| Playground           | 89                  | 43%        |
| Classroom            | 72                  | 35%        |
| Other                | 15                  | 7%         |
| Corridor             | 9                   | 4%         |
| Hall                 | 9                   | 4%         |
| Off school site      | 4                   | 2%         |
| School Gate          | 3                   | 2%         |
| Toilets              | 2                   | 1%         |
| Blank                | 2                   | 1%         |

## Time of Incidents

This table shows what time of day the incidents occurred, the number and percentage of incidents.

| Time of Incident | Number of incidents | Percentage |
|------------------|---------------------|------------|
| Play/lunchtime   | 102                 | 50%        |
| Lesson time      | 90                  | 44%        |
| After school     | 5                   | 2%         |
| Before school    | 5                   | 2%         |
| Blank            | 3                   | 2%         |

## Conclusions / Concerns

- ◆ The number of nil returns from schools raises such questions as:-
  - Are all schools accurately recording and reporting all racist incidents?
  - Do schools which are reporting racist incidents need to share their good practise with others.
  - Does the profile of reporting racist incidents need to be raised?
  - Do schools which are reporting no racist incidents need to share their good practise with others.
- ◆ Racist incidents need not necessarily directly involve an ethnic minority pupil as shown in the complainant / victim graph
  - Racist remarks appear to be used as alternative abusive language
- ◆ The return rates from schools each month vary from 36% to 90%
  - How can the rate of returns from schools be improved?