

ANNUAL REPORT OF RACIST  
INCIDENTS IN SOUTHAMPTON  
SCHOOLS  
SEPTEMBER 2004 – JULY 2005

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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 racial harassment incidents. The form provided (racial incident reporting form) is reviewed regularly and a copy of the front page is submitted to the LEA as anonymous information in order that annual reports can be produced. The LEA requests monthly racial incident returns including nil returns.

The data collected from schools forms part of the Southampton Multi-agency Group on Racial Harassment (MAGR) Annual Report, is reported on a termly basis to the Directorate's 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 satisfactory in the promotion of race equality.**

Last year was the first time this Annual Report was produced. Feedback received from schools was positive and in one school became a PSHE resource.

### **KEY FINDINGS for 2004/2005**

- ◆ The majority of perpetrators are White British (80%)
- ◆ The ethnic group with the highest number of complainants/victims were White and Black Caribbean (20%), this is an increase of 9% on 03/04 for this ethnic group.
- ◆ Verbal Abuse accounted for 84% of the type of racist incidents.
- ◆ The number of reported racist physical assaults increased by 7 to 13, a rise of 116% compared to 03/04.
- ◆ There has been an increase of 10 reported racial incidents (77%) against Adults to 23 in schools compared to 03/04.

### ***Improvement for 04/05***

- ◆ In 03/04 the average return rate was 60%. This has greatly improved this year and excluding June and July, for which returns are still expected, the average rate for 04/05 is 99%.

## ANALYSIS

### To date

- ◆ 246 reported incidents from 1/9/04 – 31/7/05 – an average of just over 1 per school day.
- ◆ Individual letters are being sent to schools for academic year 2003/2004 requesting any late returns.
- ◆ 33 establishments have not reported a racial harassment incident since September 2004.

### Number of Incidents

The following table shows the number of incidents reported during the past two years by phase of school.

2003-2005	Primary		Secondary		Special (inc PRUs)		Total	
	03/04	04/05	03/04	04/05	03/04	04/05	03/04	04/05
<b>No. of incidents</b>	156	157	43	79	6	10	205	246
<b>NOR</b>	16666	16384	12235	11980	403	365	29304	28729
<b>Inc. per 1000</b>	9.4	9.6	3.5	6.6	14.9	27.4	7.0	8.6

### No Incidents

A summary table of the establishments by phase with no reported incidents since September 2003, a total of 38%.

Type of establishment	Number of establishments with no reported incidents	Total number of establishments
EY settings	3	3
Primary	25	63
Secondary	1	14
Special including PRU	4	7

### Age group of complainant / victim

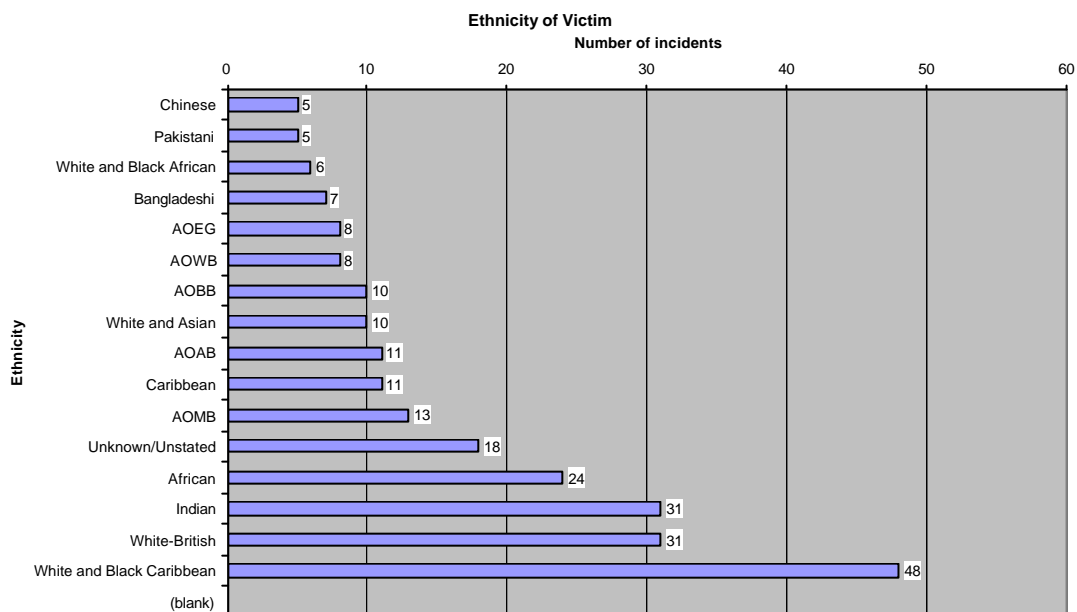
This summary table shows the age group of the complainant/victim.

Age group	Number of incidents	Percentage of incidents
Year R	2	1%
Year 1	7	3%
Year 2	11	5%
Year 3	16	7%
Year 4	28	11%
Year 5	52	21%
Year 6	27	11%
Year 7	24	10%
Year 8	12	5%
Year 9	14	6%
Year 10	7	3%
Year 11	2	1%
Whole Class/Multiple years	2	1%
Adults	23	9%
Blank/Unknown/ N/A	19	8%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>246</b>	

### Ethnicity of complainant / victim

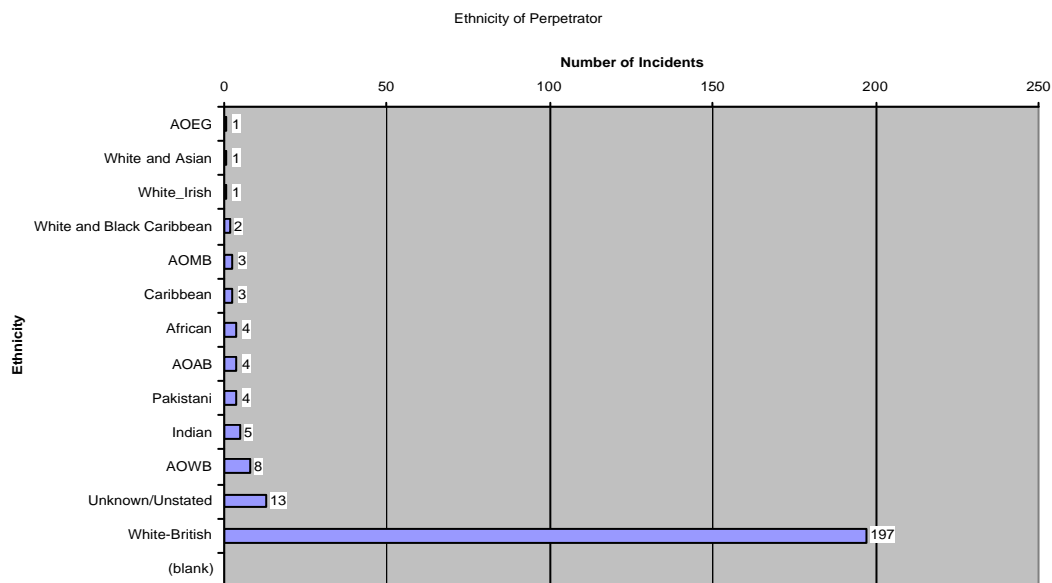
The following graph shows the ethnic group of the complainant / victim (as per the schools IMS). The ethnic groups with the highest number of complainants / victims were:

Ethnic Group	Number of complainants / victims	Percentage of incidents
White and Black Caribbean	48	20%
White-British	31	13%
Indian	31	13%
African	24	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 – 197 (80%).



Ethnic Group	Perpetrator			Victim	
	Total No of pupils	Number of incidents involved by ethnic group	% of group	Number of incidents involved by ethnic group	% of group
White British	21597	197	0.91	31	0.14
White Irish	87	1	1.15		
White other	579	8	1.38	8	1.38
White and Black Caribbean	358	2	0.56	48	13.40
White and Black African	113			6	5.31
White and Asian	245	1	0.41	10	4.08
Mixed other	301	3	1.00	13	4.32
Black Caribbean	76	3	3.95	11	14.47
Black African	235	4	1.70	24	10.21
Black other	56			10	17.86
Indian	731	5	0.68	31	4.24
Pakistani	451	4	0.89	5	1.11
Bangladeshi	256			7	2.73
Asian other	299	4	1.38	11	3.68
Chinese	126			5	3.97
Any other ethnic group	177	1	0.56	8	4.52

- ◆ There were 13 incidents reported with no Ethnicity identified for the perpetrator
- ◆ There were 18 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 of all
	Secondary schools	All Others	
Verbal Abuse	63	144	84%
Racist Conduct	6	7	5%
Physical Assault	6	7	5%
Other	4	7	5%
Damage to Property		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 of all
	Secondary schools	All Others	
Classroom	50	50	41%
Playground	6	73	32%
Corridor	8	13	9%
Other	4	15	8%
Hall	5	10	6%
Blank	4	4	3%
School gate	1	1	1%
Off school site	1		1%
Toilets		1	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
	Secondary schools	All Others	
Lesson Time	58	70	52%
Play/lunchtime	12	83	39%
Blank	4	5	4%
After school	4	3	3%
Before school	1	6	3%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>167</b>	

## Conclusions / Actions

- ◆ 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
- ◆ Secondary schools reported 36 more incidents this year a rise of 84%.
- ◆ There were more reported incidents in the classroom by secondary schools
  - 63% of the incidents reported by secondary schools
  - 30% of the incidents reported by other schools
- ◆ A reduction of 5% in the number of schools reporting no incidents.

***The LEA have received phone calls from a few parents who have not been notified of racial incidents involving their child. All schools should notify the parents of the complainant/victim and the onus is on the school that the child attends, should the incident happen in another establishment.***