



How we're tackling racist hate crime

We've developed **legal guidance** on racially motivated crimes which explains how we prosecute these offences to make sure we present the strongest possible case in court.

Our staff complete **specialist training** on racist hate crime to make sure they understand all aspects of the law and the context of their decision making.



We recognise how quickly language changes. We've **worked with organisations who support victims of hate crime** to develop guidance for our prosecutors to improve our understanding of offensive language to ensure we fully understand the evidence.

We meet with local communities to **raise awareness of the law on hate crime** – how it protects you and how we prosecute these crimes.



What does the law say?

The law defines a racial group as a group of people defined by race, colour, nationality or ethnic or national origins. If someone commits a crime against you for any of these reasons, you are protected under hate crime laws.

Turn over for an example of how we've been prosecuting these crimes

Case studies: Prosecuting racist hate crime



The offender tried to rip another man's mask off in a pharmacy. He was racially abusive towards him, shouting "immigrants are infected".

We prosecuted the offender and presented evidence that this was a racially motivated hate crime.

We asked the court to increase the sentence because of this and the judge agreed – rather than a fine, he was sentenced to an 18 month community order which involved 15 rehabilitation days and 100 hours of unpaid work.

The offender uploaded a video to Facebook of himself talking about the Euro 2020 final, where he made racist slurs about specific football players.

We reviewed the evidence collected by police and authorised the police to charge him with sending an obscene message via a social network.

He pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 200 hours of unpaid work and 50 days in prison suspended for 12 months – meaning if he offends again the court may send him to prison. He was also fined £85.