

FOIA - 454/20 - Coronavirus/Covid-19

Total number of hate crimes which mentioned Coronavirus or Covid-19 between 1 January 2020 to 10 March 2020:

17

Victim Information

Age	Gender	Nationality
44	Female	Not stated
44	Female	English
24	Female	Chinese
45	Male	English
36	Female	English
21	Male	Not stated
14	Male	Not stated
12	Female	Not stated
22	Male	Not stated
23	Female	Not stated
19	Female	Not stated
30	Male	Iranian
26	Male	Not stated
24	Female	Not stated
27	Male	Not stated
28	Female	Not stated

Offender Information

Age	Gender	Nationality
33	Female	English
39	Male	English
33	Female	English
39	Male	English
33	Female	English
39	Male	English

Crime Information

Date	Time	Location
08/03/2020	19:56	Newcastle
08/02/2020	19:00	Newcastle
08/02/2020	19:00	Newcastle
03/03/2020	19:38	Sunderland
09/02/2020	17:00	Newcastle
03/02/2020	08:00	North Tyneside
03/02/2020	08:00	North Tyneside
26/02/2020	12:26	Newcastle
26/02/2020	12:26	Newcastle
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01/03/2020	00:30	Gateshead
11/02/2020	16:20	Newcastle
04/02/2020	21:40	Gateshead
16/02/2020	16:48	Newcastle
12/02/2020	17:00	Newcastle
09/02/2020	08:53	Northumberland
09/03/2020	08:00	Newcastle

Crime Outcomes

Number	Outcome Description
6	Investigation Complete - No suspect identified
2	Victim declines or is unable to identify suspect
1	Caution adult
8	Ongoing

Details of the Crimes

IP has been out with partner and when going to car has been verbally racially abused by three males telling him 'to go back to where he was from' and comments about coronavirus. Unknown group of offenders approach shop window. Bang with fists on window and shout 'corona virus' at IP whilst IP is inside store which IP perceives to be racially motivated causing IP to feel alarm and distress.
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Unknown group of youth offenders walk past IP who is of Asian appearance and begin coughing then state the word "corona". IP perceives this to be directed at him due to the current corona epidemic and his Asian appearance.
Unknown youths turn up at IP's address over several nights and shout through letterbox "coronavirus go back home" the offenders have then ran off in unknown direction unseen. This has caused IP to feel harassed.
Unknown person whilst in school shouts 'coronavirus' at victim which causes victim to be alarmed and distressed by comments, offenders also shout 'I can roll you a joint to make your eyes more round'.
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Known offenders walk through Newcastle University campus shouting about coronavirus; blaming Chinese people for bringing it to the country. Offenders then approach three students who are raising money for the Wuhan province and shout 'you should be wearing a f***** face mask';
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Offender has entered taxi as a customer and has made numerous racist and threatening comments towards the IP after he found out he was Iranian calling him a muslim and a terrorist and accusing him of beheading people and spreading corona virus. IP has felt threatened; offended and intimidated as a result of this.
Unknown suspect posts review on website of takeaway with image of a dead bat which owner of business believes is a blatant and obvious mocking of the coronavirus and finds grossly offensive. Unknown offenders whilst in the vicinity of victim who is of Chinese origin; speaks loudly and comment about the corona virus whilst coughing. Victim believes that this behaviour has been directed towards her because of her appearance and this causes alarm and distress.
Unknown group of teenagers cough and shout coronavirus as victim walks past group. Group are challenged by victim and make off on foot. Victim feels they have targeted him due to his ethnicity.
Offender confronts IP and says 'you're the main cause of the corona virus; all Chinese people eat bats and do you want to take this outside' causing the victim harassment; alarm and distress.
Named offender contacts the victim via social media and because of the victims oriental appearance; offender accuses the victim of having the coronavirus. Victim finds this grossly offensive.
Unknown offender walks towards IP in street and say 'you people are disgusting' "you're dirty people. Dirty eating bats. You deserve to get corona virus" causing alarm and distress and harassment.

Number of reported hate crimes between January 2019 to December 2019

Month & Year	Number of Crimes
Jan 2019	185
Feb 2019	217
Mar 2019	259
Apr 2019	258
May 2019	272
Jun 2019	229
Jul 2019	299
Aug 2019	231
Sep 2019	232
Oct 2019	237
Nov 2019	215
Dec 2019	213

Caveats

Please note for one crime the victim was a business so this information is not relevant to the victim breakdown.

Please be advised that there are 3 details of crimes, which are of a similar nature as they all relate to the same incident involving 3 different victims.