

5 – Does the force have any active operations specifically designed to tackle racially aggravated crimes?

**We have the Police Race Action Plan – which seeks to improve Policing responses to Hate Crime by;**

- **Reviewing our local policies, guidance and training delivery, to ensure that police personnel have the knowledge, training and understanding of how to deliver the most appropriate service to Black People who are victims of hate crime and their families.**
- **Continue to monitor nationally the number of hate crime incidents, criminal allegations and victim's satisfaction level and outcome rate.**

Please see: [Police Race Action Plan | College of Policing](#)

In addition, our Football Unit work to combat hate crime including racially aggravated crimes. We have a dedicated hate crime investigations officer, this officer was the first to hold this post in the country and now used as a benchmark for good practice for other forces. Over the past football season, we received and investigated approximately 77 hate crime investigations which included 47 reports involving racial abuse.

Please see:

[Police Professional | Success of West Midlands Police football hate crime officer featured in documentary](#)  
[Investigation after report of racial abuse against footballer at Birmingham City match | News | West Midlands Police \(west-midlands.police.uk\)](#)