



Stop Hate UK – Coronavirus Statement and Advice for Helpline Areas

Stop Hate UK has recently received an increasing number of calls, across our helpline areas, from people experiencing racism, discrimination and verbal abuse, arising from perceptions that they are members of the Chinese community and therefore likely to be carriers of the coronavirus.

We find this deeply concerning and we want our Helpline areas to know that we are here to help, advise and reassure anyone affected by such incidents.

With large numbers of international students studying in the UK, it is unsurprising that this issue has impacted significantly upon the student community. It is therefore vital that Universities and Colleges make it clear that any act of abuse or inflammatory Hate speech, whether it occurs on campus, online or elsewhere should not be tolerated and should be reported.

However, reports indicate that incidents are not confined to the student community and therefore it is important local community groups and associations are supported and encouraged to report incidents as they arise.

Remember - disease does not discriminate; the coronavirus outbreak is not about ethnicity, and such associations are neither helpful nor acceptable.

The government is constantly updating their website with the latest health advice, from the World Health Organisation and the NHS. This can be found by [clicking here](#)

Please be assured that, as a Stop Hate UK Helpline area, we are committed to providing anyone experiencing or witnessing a Hate incident with a confidential 24-hr 3rd party reporting service, and this remains the case with any Hate incidents that develop as a result of the coronavirus.

We can supply you with information, in both traditional and simplified Chinese, on how to report Hate Crime and we also hold similar information in almost 50 other languages, should there be instances of misappropriation of someone's nationality.

To receive Hate Crime reporting information in other languages, please email info@stophateuk.org If you have any further questions regarding this, or any other Hate Crime issue, please contact talk@stophateuk.org

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