



Response Date:19/04/2024

2024/395 - veganphobia

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

In line with the legal recognition of ethical veganism as a protected philosophical belief under the Equality Act 2010 since January 2020, and in the context of veganphobia or hate against vegans, please provide the number of incidents logged in your force of hate crime where it is mentioned that the victims or complainants were vegan, for 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023.

There is a tag on our crime recording system – 'Religious or Belief Anti Other' which is where occurrences of this type would be recorded.

We have checked data for the years using this tag and there are no cases linked to veganism as a protected philosophical belief.

The below information has been returned by carrying out the Keyword search "Vegan" within occurrence summary of all Notifiable Offences 2020-2024:

Calendar Year	NICL Qualifier	Hate crime	Summary
2020	;Prejudice - Racial;	;Racial;	Offenders have targeted family in the home , which was motivated by the house occupants nationality, veganism and opposition to the Falklands war
2021			Unknown male has entered the store and filled a bag with 2 trays of coke, 2 fruit shoots and some vegan items - £40, the male made no attempt to pay for the items before leaving the store
2022	;Domestic abuse;Mental health;		DOMESTIC - IP REPORTS HIS SON HAS RETURNED FRO UNIVERSITY AND HAS STARTED TO BECOME VERBALLY ABUSIVE TOWARDS FAMILY MEMBERS FOR EATING MEAT AS HE IS NOW A VEGAN. OFFENDER HAS LOCKED I.P. IN BEDROOM AND SHOUTED AT HER.
2023			IP reporting that the Vegan Student Group have placed promotional stickers on his car that have marked the paintwork after being removed.

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 16/04/2024