

Security Advice for April the 3rd

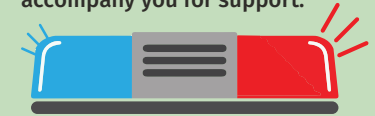
In reaction to the 'Punish a Muslim Day' Letter many messages have been shared encouraging Muslims to stay at home. Our advice is to encourage everyone to go about your daily routine as per usual, but be alert to your surroundings. We should not let those who wish to spread fear alter our lifestyles. **However If you are involved in an incident please follow the following guidance:**

1 Dial 999 in an emergency if you are in imminent danger, or require urgent medical assistance.



2 Do not attempt to confront the perpetrator(s) in a way that may endanger your safety, always call police to the scene as soon as it is safe to do so.

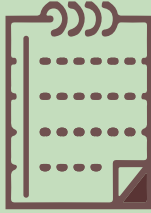
3 Dial 101 - Visit your local police station, or dial 101 to report the incident. If you feel hesitant or afraid, the IRU can assist with a representative to accompany you for support.



Do not Touch - If you receive any suspicious letters/items through the post **please try to limit the amount of handling of the letter to preserve evidence and immediately report it.**



4 Note down a description of the perpetrator(s), including their height, hair colour, gender, ethnicity, and approximate age. It may also be useful to note their state at the time of the attack i.e. if they seemed intoxicated.



5 Record - If safe to do so at the time, try to record the incident on your smartphone as it happens. Capturing the perpetrator's identity on video or camera will be valuable in an investigation.



6 Registration - If the incident involves a perpetrator's vehicle, always try to take down the car registration number. Try to remember the description of the vehicle e.g model and colour.



Call the Police:
Emergency: Dial 999
Non-emergencies: Dial 101

7 Evidence - Keep as much evidence as possible for police investigations. For example, do not wash out spit from clothing, and try to keep written letters or messages.



8 Photographs - Take photographs of any physical injuries sustained from an attack.



9 Diary - If you are unable to record at the time of the incident, try to record a short video diary of yourself after the incident showing how much it has affected you.



10 CCTV - Look for CCTV in the immediate area of the attack that can later be used in an investigation.

11 Witnesses - Approach witnesses at the scene. Ask if they would be happy to make a statement later, if so, take their names and contact details. If you feel shaken and distressed you can ask them to stay with you until police arrive on the scene.



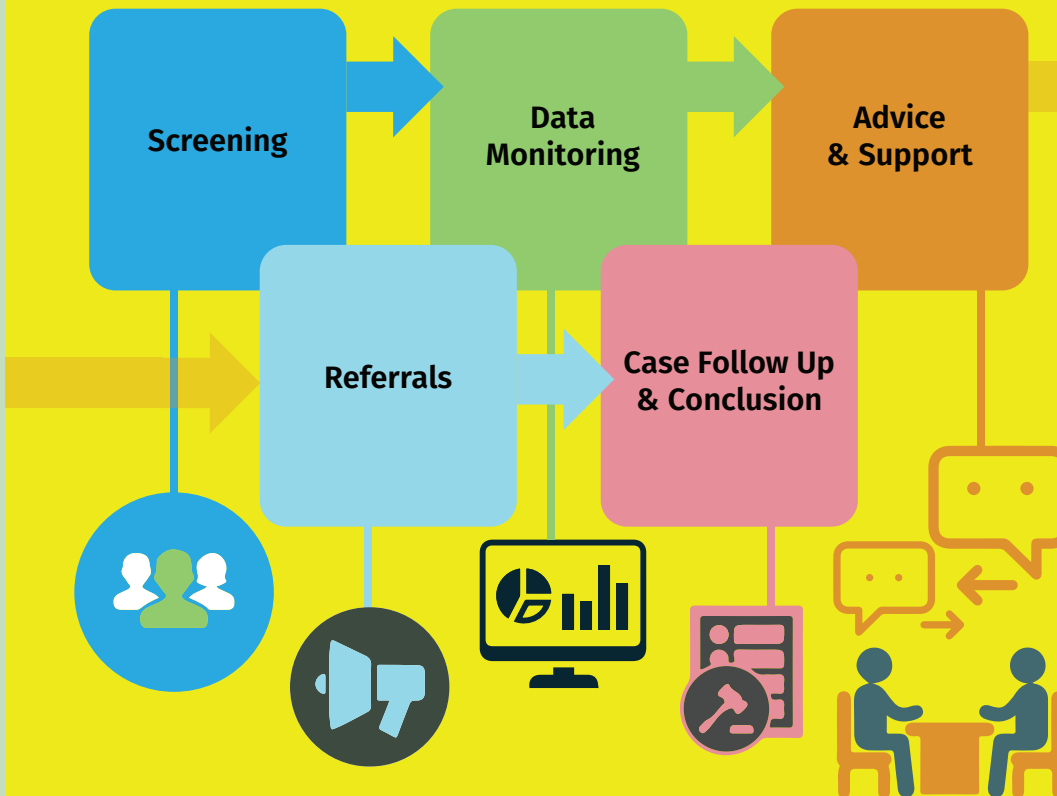
12 Harassment - If you are experiencing a prolonged period of harassment, by a neighbour for example, keep a diary of all the abusive incidents and how they made you feel.



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IRU Reporting System

The IRU reporting system is both simple and accessible to all. Dealing with an Islamophobic incident can be very distressing. Our specialist team of Caseworkers are here to work closely with you, assessing your needs and ensuring your case has the best possible outcome. We aim to take you from initial report, to a successful case conclusion. Here is an overview of how we handle your case below:



Do not suffer in silence! Reporting to the IRU ensures your voice is heard. You can reach our helpline on **0203 904 6555** or through email: iru@mend.org.uk