**Case study template**

As part of the Criminal Justice Alliance’s ‘Tackling Racial Inequality’ Project, we are collecting case studies of Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) who have initiated legal challenges to racially discriminatory criminal justice policies, using the Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED).

If you have challenged a criminal justice policy or decision on the basis of racial discrimination, please tell us about the actions you took and the outcome of the case using the template below. Send your completed template to [info@criminaljusticealliance.org.uk](mailto:info@criminaljusticealliance.org.uk).

You can read more about the Project, access our toolkit that supports CSOs to take legal action, and see other case studies about successful challenges: [www.criminaljusticealliance.org.uk/PSED-toolkit](http://www.criminaljusticealliance.org.uk/PSED-toolkit).

**About you or your organisation**

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| **Contact details (for internal purposes only)**  Name:  Organisation:  E-mail or phone:  **Please answer the following questions:**  Is this your first legal action/challenge?  Did you use the CJA’s ‘Empowering Civil Society’ toolkit to support you with this challenge?  Do you consent to the CJA adding this to our online bank of case studies? |

**About your legal challenge**

**What was being challenged:**

[Tell us about the policy or decision you were challenging in one sentence]

**What was the case about:**

[Brief description of the decision or policy under challenge]

**Name of case (if issued/reported) or name of parties:**

[If the claim was reported, please tell us the full name and citation – this will help any other CSOs or lawyers refer to your case in building their own. If your case was not reported, or not issued, just tell us who the claimant, defendant and any other parties were]

**Brief summary of the decision/issue and outcome:**

[Describe what the issues were, what the relevant legal arguments were, what actions did you take (for example, did you submit a Freedom of Information request? Was the case settled after a Pre-Action Protocol Letter or was a judgment given after full trial?) and what the outcome was]

**Why is it significant? What does it illustrate?**

[Set out what is important about the case, for example, is it a successful (or unsuccessful) challenge based on the protected characteristic of race using the PSED? Is it an example of a case being settled at an early (or very late) stage?]

**Any other features of interest**

[Is there anything else of significance that should be highlighted to help other CSOs understand the way that the PSED or Judicial Review works in practice? If so, describe this briefly. You can also tell us practice tips, such as how you funded your claim or found a specialist lawyer]

**Tips**

* We recommend you keep your summary to under 400 words and no more than 600 words.
* Please include any relevant links, including to your organisation’s communications, press release or any media coverage.
* Tell us if you have any tips for other CSOs considering a legal challenge.