The University receives complaints from local residents that a minority of students engage in anti-social behaviour. Occasionally, the University also receives reports of witnessed disturbances from the Police and the City Council. These incidents are usually due to a lack of awareness rather than inconsiderate behaviour. When a disturbance has occurred, the University will apply the following Noise Nuisance Protocol, which is in accordance with the Student Disciplinary Procedure (See Section D - Level 2 Central Procedure: [http://www.ncl.ac.uk/students/progress/Regulations/SPS/disciplinary.htm](http://www.ncl.ac.uk/students/progress/Regulations/SPS/disciplinary.htm)).

Students will receive more severe sanctions where there is evidence of repeated anti-social behaviour or for exhibiting abusive, aggressive, threatening or intimidating conduct. Students who have caused repeated or significant disturbances can expect to be referred to a Student Disciplinary Committee who will consider the full range of University sanctions, including expulsion. Further information about fines and sanctions is provided on the following webpages:

- Fines and charges: [http://www.ncl.ac.uk/students/progress/Regulations/SPS/fines.htm](http://www.ncl.ac.uk/students/progress/Regulations/SPS/fines.htm)
- Sanctions: [https://www.ncl.ac.uk/students/progress/Regulations/Procedures/disciplinary/sanctions.htm](https://www.ncl.ac.uk/students/progress/Regulations/Procedures/disciplinary/sanctions.htm)

**Usual Sanctions following reported noise disturbances and/or anti-social behaviour:**

Student Progress Service will consider the details of every matter reported of witnessed/unwitnessed noise and/or anti-social behaviour. Student Progress Service will determine whether the student household (Newcastle University students only) should be issued with disciplinary sanctions in accordance with the University's [Student Disciplinary Procedures](http://www.ncl.ac.uk/students/progress/Regulations/SPS/disciplinary.htm).

For reports of noise disturbances/anti-social behaviour in the community where external services (Newcastle City Council/Police) have not been involved, and depending on the level of the disturbance, students would usually be issued with a Caution. A caution is not a sanction but constitutes advice on future conduct, together with a record that the advice has been given. A caution will not be disclosed in references but may be taken into account should any misconduct be found in the future. Student Progress Service reserves the right to impose a Written Warning and/or an individual Disciplinary Fine for such incidents depending on the nature and volume of complaints received.

**Noise Witnessed by Newcastle City Council Officers / Police:**

It should be noted that Newcastle City Council does not necessarily issue the following warnings incrementally. Second Warning letters, invitations to sign Acceptable Behaviour Agreements (ABA) and S.80 Abatement Notices/Community Protection Notices (CPN) can be issued following a first witnessed disturbance.
First Warning Letter issued by Newcastle City Council:
If the University receives a report which states that a disturbance has been witnessed by Newcastle City Council Officers or the Police, the whole student household (Newcastle University students only) will usually be issued with a Written Warning and an individual Disciplinary Fine of £30 each. The students will be advised that they can submit evidence that they were not involved in the disturbance or request a meeting with the Student Progress Service to discuss the matter. This request and/or any evidence should be submitted to casework@ncl.ac.uk within 7 days of the outcome. After consideration of submitted evidence or a meeting the Student Progress Service may quash, confirm or vary the outcome. Students can lodge a formal appeal within 21 days of the outcome.

Second Warning Letter issued by Newcastle City Council:
If the University receives a report which states that a Second Warning is to be issued, the student household will usually be called to a disciplinary meeting with the Student Progress Service to investigate the matter further. The external services are likely to issue a Second Warning where a disturbance is witnessed for a second occasion or where a significant disturbance has been caused to the local community.

The sanctions will vary depending on the details of the case but it is likely that a Final Written Warning and large Disciplinary Fine - up to £300 per person would usually be imposed. If the case is deemed very serious, it is likely that the matter will be referred to a Student Disciplinary Committee who have the full range of sanctions available to them.

Acceptable Behaviour Agreement (ABA) /Section 80 Abatement Notice / Community Protection Notice (CPN):
In cases of serious or repeated disturbances the external services will consider whether to issue the student household with a Section 80 Abatement Notice or a Community Protection Notice. Alternatively, the student household may be invited to attend a Police Station to discuss signing an Acceptable Behaviour Agreement. If the University receives a report that the external services have taken one of the above serious measures, the student household will usually be called to a disciplinary meeting with the Student Progress Service to investigate the matter further.

The sanctions will vary depending on the details of the case but it is likely that a Final Written Warning and a large Disciplinary Fine - up to £300 per person would usually be imposed. If the case is deemed very serious, it is likely that the matter will be referred to a Student Disciplinary Committee who have the full range of sanctions available to them.

Action by the Council and Police (Collectively):
The Council and Police have their own procedures for addressing noise nuisance and anti-social behaviour by students. Further information on this is available on the following pages:

Misconduct and how it is dealt with:
http://www.ncl.ac.uk/students/progress/student-resources/community/misconduct.htm
Sanctions: https://www.ncl.ac.uk/students/progress/Regulations/Procedures/disciplinary/sanctions