

Barristers subject to complaints

In 2015 the Bar Standard Board received/opened complaints against **396** barristers

The characteristics¹ of these barristers were:

Age		
<p>“ From the list of age bands below, please indicate the category that includes your current age in years:</p>		
Response	Barristers	Percentage of total
Under 25	4	1.2%
25 - 34	90	26.7%
35 - 44	85	25.2%
45 - 54	102	30.3%
55 - 64	42	12.5%
65 +	15	4.5%
Prefer not to say	2	0.6%
No information	56	16.6%

Gender		
<p>“ What is your gender?</p>		
Response	Barristers	Percentage of total
Male	268	79.5%
Female	128	38.0%
Prefer not to say	0	0.0%
No information	0	0.0%

Disability		
<p>“ Do you consider yourself to have a disability according to the definition in the Equality Act?</p>		
Response	Barristers	Percentage of total
Yes	5	1.5%
No	91	27.0%
Prefer not to say	3	0.9%
No information	297	88.1%
<p>“ Are your day-to-day activities limited because of a health problem or disability which has lasted, or is expected to last, at least 12 months?</p>		
Response	Barristers	Percentage of total
Yes, limited a lot	1	0.3%
Yes, limited a little	3	0.9%
No	69	20.5%
Prefer not to say	2	0.6%
No information	321	95.3%

Ethnic Group		
 What is your ethnic group?		
Response	Barristers	Percentage of total
Asian/Asian British		
Bangladeshi	2	0.6%
Chinese	0	0.0%
Indian	15	4.5%
Pakistani	9	2.7%
Any other Asian background	7	2.1%
Black/African/Caribbean/Black British		
African	14	4.2%
Caribbean	10	3.0%
Any other black/Caribbean/Black British background	2	0.6%
Mixed/multiple ethnic groups		
White and Asian	0	0.0%
White and Black African	3	0.9%
White and Black Caribbean	1	0.3%
White and Chinese	2	0.6%
Any other Mixed/multiple ethnic background	3	0.9%
White		
British/English/Welsh/Northern Irish/Scottish	266	78.9%
Irish	5	1.5%
Gypsy or Irish Traveller	0	0.0%
Any other White background	13	3.9%
Other ethnic group		
Arab	0	0.0%
Any other ethnic group	3	0.9%
Prefer not to say		
Prefer not to say	0	0.0%
No information		
No information	41	12.2%

Religion or belief		
 What is your religion or belief?		
Response	Barristers	Percentage of total
No religion or belief	21	6.2%
Buddhist	1	0.3%
Christian	39	11.6%
Hindu	3	0.9%
Jewish	5	1.5%
Muslim	4	1.2%
Sikh	1	0.3%
Any other religion	4	1.2%
Prefer not to say	5	1.5%
No information	308	91.4%

The following category was removed from our Equality & Diversity monitoring form during 2014

Agnostic	5	1.5%
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Sexual orientation



What is your sexual orientation?

Response	Barristers	Percentage of total
Bisexual	2	0.6%
Gay man	1	0.3%
Gay woman/lesbian	0	0.0%
Heterosexual/straight	80	23.7%
Other	0	0.0%
Prefer not to say	4	1.2%
No information	309	91.7%

Socio-economic background



If you went to University (to study a BA, BSc course or higher), were you part of the first generation of your family to do so?

Response	Barristers	Percentage of total
Yes	34	10.1%
No	43	12.8%
Did not attend University	1	0.3%
Prefer not to say	5	1.5%
No Information	313	92.9%



Did you mainly attend a state or fee paying school between the ages 11-18?

Response	Barristers	Percentage of total
UK State School	43	12.8%
UK Independent/Fee-paying School	30	8.9%
Attended school outside the UK	6	1.8%
Prefer not to say	6	1.8%
No Information	311	92.3%

Caring responsibilities		
<p>“ Are you a primary carer for a child or children under 18?</p>		
Response	Barristers	Percentage of total
Yes	21	6.2%
No	63	18.7%
Prefer not to say	1	0.3%
No Information	311	92.3%
<p>“ Do you look after, or give any help or support to family members, friends, neighbours or others because of either: — Long-term physical or mental ill-health/disability — Problems related to old age?</p>		
Response	Barristers	Percentage of total
No	73	21.7%
Yes, 1 - 19 hours a week	8	2.4%
Yes, 20 - 49 hours a week	0	0.0%
Yes, 50 or more hours a week	0	0.0%
Prefer not to say	2	0.6%
No Information	313	92.9%