

Complainants

In 2016 the Bar Standard Board received complaints about barristers from **206** complainants.

The characteristics¹ of these complainants were:

Age		
 From the list of age bands below, please indicate the category that includes your current age in years:		
Response	Complainants	Percentage of total
Under 25	1	0.5%
25 - 34	3	1.5%
35 - 44	13	6.3%
45 - 54	14	6.8%
55 - 64	9	4.4%
65 +	4	1.9%
Prefer not to say	3	1.5%
No information	159	77.2%

Gender		
 What is your gender?		
Response	Complainants	Percentage of total
Male	28	13.6%
Female	19	9.2%
Prefer not to say	3	1.5%
No information	156	75.7%

Disability		
 Do you consider yourself to have a disability according to the definition in the Equality Act?		
Response	Complainants	Percentage of total
Yes	14	6.8%
No	27	13.1%
Prefer not to say	7	3.4%
No information	158	76.7%
 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?		
Response	Complainants	Percentage of total
Yes, limited a lot	6	2.9%
Yes, limited a little	3	1.5%
No	26	12.6%
Prefer not to say	7	3.4%
No information	164	79.6%

Ethnic Group		
 What is your ethnic group?		
Response	Complainants	Percentage of total
Asian/Asian British		
Bangladeshi	1	0.5%
Chinese	0	0.0%
Indian	2	1.0%
Pakistani	0	0.0%
Any other Asian background	0	0.0%
Black/African/Caribbean/Black British		
African	2	1.0%
Caribbean	2	1.0%
Any other black/Caribbean/Black British background	0	0.0%
Mixed/multiple ethnic groups		
White and Asian	1	0.5%
White and Black African	0	0.0%
White and Black Caribbean	0	0.0%
White and Chinese	0	0.0%
Any other Mixed/multiple ethnic background	1	0.5%
White		
British/English/Welsh/Northern Irish/Scottish	34	16.5%
Irish	0	0.0%
Gypsy or Irish Traveller	0	0.0%
Any other White background	3	1.5%
Other ethnic group		
Arab	0	0.0%
Any other ethnic group	1	0.5%
Prefer not to say		
Prefer not to say	2	1.0%
No information		
No information	157	76.2%

Religion or belief		
 What is your religion or belief?		
Response	Complainants	Percentage of total
No religion or belief	10	4.9%
Buddhist	0	0.0%
Christian	22	10.7%
Hindu	0	0.0%
Jewish	4	1.9%
Muslim	2	1.0%
Sikh	0	0.0%
Any other religion	1	0.5%
Prefer not to say	8	3.9%
No information	159	77.2%

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

Agnostic	0	0.0%
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Sexual orientation



What is your sexual orientation?

Response	Complainants	Percentage of total
Bisexual	3	1.5%
Gay man	2	1.0%
Gay woman/lesbian	0	0.0%
Heterosexual/straight	33	16.0%
Other	0	0.0%
Prefer not to say	7	3.4%
No information	161	78.2%

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	Complainants	Percentage of total
Yes	13	6.3%
No	13	6.3%
Did not attend University	6	2.9%
Prefer not to say	10	4.9%
No Information	164	79.6%



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

Response	Complainants	Percentage of total
UK State School	18	8.7%
UK Independent/Fee-paying School	8	3.9%
Attended school outside the UK	4	1.9%
Prefer not to say	9	4.4%
No Information	167	81.1%

Caring responsibilities



Are you a primary carer for a child or children under 18?

Response	Complainants	Percentage of total
Yes	10	4.9%
No	27	13.1%
Prefer not to say	4	1.9%
No Information	165	80.1%



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?

Response	Complainants	Percentage of total
No	24	11.7%
Yes, 1 - 19 hours a week	8	3.9%
Yes, 20 - 49 hours a week	1	0.5%
Yes, 50 or more hours a week	1	0.5%
Prefer not to say	6	2.9%
No Information	166	80.6%