

Complainants

In 2014 the Bar Standard Board received complaints about barristers from **258** 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	0.4%
25 - 34	6	2.3%
35 - 44	18	7.0%
45 - 54	16	6.2%
55 - 64	17	6.6%
65 +	11	4.3%
Prefer not to say	1	0.4%
No information	188	72.9%

Gender		
 What is your gender?		
Response	Complainants	Percentage of total
Male	44	17.1%
Female	39	15.1%
Prefer not to say	1	0.4%
No information	174	67.4%

Disability		
 Do you consider yourself to have a disability according to the definition in the Equality Act?		
Response	Complainants	Percentage of total
Yes	19	7.4%
No	49	19.0%
Prefer not to say	5	1.9%
No information	185	71.7%
 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	1	0.4%
Yes, limited a little	0	0.0%
No	1	0.4%
Prefer not to say	0	0.0%
No information	256	99.2%

Ethnic Group		
 What is your ethnic group?		
Response	Complainants	Percentage of total
Asian/Asian British		
Bangladeshi	4	1.6%
Chinese	1	0.4%
Indian	2	0.8%
Pakistani	2	0.8%
Any other Asian background	5	1.9%
Black/African/Caribbean/Black British		
African	1	0.4%
Caribbean	1	0.4%
Any other black/Caribbean/Black British background	0	0.0%
Mixed/multiple ethnic groups		
White and Asian	0	0.0%
White and Black African	1	0.4%
White and Black Caribbean	1	0.4%
White and Chinese	0	0.0%
Any other Mixed/multiple ethnic background	0	0.0%
White		
British/English/Welsh/Northern Irish/Scottish	41	15.9%
Irish	1	0.4%
Gypsy or Irish Traveller	0	0.0%
Any other White background	6	2.3%
Other ethnic group		
Arab	1	0.4%
Any other ethnic group	3	1.2%
Prefer not to say		
Prefer not to say	6	2.3%
No information		
No information	182	70.5%

Religion or belief		
 What is your religion or belief?		
Response	Complainants	Percentage of total
No religion or belief	9	3.5%
Buddhist	1	0.4%
Christian	36	14.0%
Hindu	1	0.4%
Jewish	1	0.4%
Muslim	8	3.1%
Sikh	0	0.0%
Any other religion	2	0.8%
Prefer not to say	7	2.7%
No information	191	74.0%

The following category was removed from our Equality & Diversity monitoring form during 2014		
Agnostic	2	0.8%

Sexual orientation



What is your sexual orientation?

Response	Complainants	Percentage of total
Bisexual	1	0.4%
Gay man	1	0.4%
Gay woman/lesbian	0	0.0%
Heterosexual/straight	60	23.3%
Other	0	0.0%
Prefer not to say	2	0.8%
No information	194	75.2%

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	1	0.4%
No	2	0.8%
Did not attend University	0	0.0%
Prefer not to say	0	0.0%
No Information	255	98.8%



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

Response	Complainants	Percentage of total
UK State School	3	1.2%
UK Independent/Fee-paying School	0	0.0%
Attended school outside the UK	0	0.0%
Prefer not to say	0	0.0%
No Information	255	98.8%

Caring responsibilities



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

Response	Complainants	Percentage of total
Yes	1	0.4%
No	2	0.8%
Prefer not to say	0	0.0%
No Information	255	98.8%



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	1	0.4%
Yes, 1 - 19 hours a week	1	0.4%
Yes, 20 - 49 hours a week	0	0.0%
Yes, 50 or more hours a week	1	0.4%
Prefer not to say	0	0.0%
No Information	255	98.8%