

Barristers subject to complaints

In 2016 the Bar Standard Board received/opened complaints against **304** 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	1	0.3%
25 - 34	47	15.5%
35 - 44	87	28.6%
45 - 54	74	24.3%
55 - 64	36	11.8%
65 +	17	5.6%
Prefer not to say	0	0.0%
No information	42	13.8%

Gender		
<p>“ What is your gender?</p>		
Response	Barristers	Percentage of total
Male	215	70.7%
Female	89	29.3%
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	8	2.6%
No	97	31.9%
Prefer not to say	2	0.7%
No information	197	64.8%
<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	0	0.0%
Yes, limited a little	5	1.6%
No	68	22.4%
Prefer not to say	2	0.7%
No information	229	75.3%

Ethnic Group		
 What is your ethnic group?		
Response	Barristers	Percentage of total
Asian/Asian British		
Bangladeshi	3	1.0%
Chinese	0	0.0%
Indian	12	3.9%
Pakistani	9	3.0%
Any other Asian background	4	1.3%
Black/African/Caribbean/Black British		
African	5	1.6%
Caribbean	6	2.0%
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	0.3%
White and Black Caribbean	2	0.7%
White and Chinese	1	0.3%
Any other Mixed/multiple ethnic background	3	1.0%
White		
British/English/Welsh/Northern Irish/Scottish	205	67.4%
Irish	7	2.3%
Gypsy or Irish Traveller	0	0.0%
Any other White background	13	4.3%
Other ethnic group		
Arab	0	0.0%
Any other ethnic group	2	0.7%
Prefer not to say		
Prefer not to say	0	0.0%
No information		
No information	31	10.2%

Religion or belief		
 What is your religion or belief?		
Response	Barristers	Percentage of total
No religion or belief	16	5.3%
Buddhist	1	0.3%
Christian	41	13.5%
Hindu	0	0.0%
Jewish	7	2.3%
Muslim	6	2.0%
Sikh	4	1.3%
Any other religion	1	0.3%
Prefer not to say	7	2.3%
No information	210	69.1%

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

Agnostic	11	3.6%
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Sexual orientation



What is your sexual orientation?

Response	Barristers	Percentage of total
Bisexual	3	1.0%
Gay man	6	2.0%
Gay woman/lesbian	0	0.0%
Heterosexual/straight	79	26.0%
Other	0	0.0%
Prefer not to say	6	2.0%
No information	210	69.1%

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	42	13.8%
No	43	14.1%
Did not attend University	1	0.3%
Prefer not to say	1	0.3%
No Information	217	71.4%



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

Response	Barristers	Percentage of total
UK State School	54	17.8%
UK Independent/Fee-paying School	25	8.2%
Attended school outside the UK	4	1.3%
Prefer not to say	3	1.0%
No Information	218	71.7%

Caring responsibilities		
<p>“ Are you a primary carer for a child or children under 18?</p>		
Response	Barristers	Percentage of total
Yes	23	7.6%
No	65	21.4%
Prefer not to say	1	0.3%
No Information	215	70.7%
<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	69	22.7%
Yes, 1 - 19 hours a week	8	2.6%
Yes, 20 - 49 hours a week	1	0.3%
Yes, 50 or more hours a week	0	0.0%
Prefer not to say	2	0.7%
No Information	224	73.7%