

Barristers subject to complaints


In 2017 the Bar Standard Board received/opened complaints against 427 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	0.2%
25 - 34	92	21.5%
35 - 44	115	26.9%
45 - 54	106	24.8%
55 - 64	63	14.8%
65 +	13	3.0%
Prefer not to say	3	0.7%
No information	34	8.0%

Gender		
<p>“ What is your gender?</p>		
Response	Barristers	Percentage of total
Male	262	61.4%
Female	164	38.4%
Prefer not to say	1	0.2%
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	13	3.0%
No	151	35.4%
Prefer not to say	7	1.6%
No information	256	60.0%
<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	2	0.5%
Yes, limited a little	6	1.4%
No	100	23.4%
Prefer not to say	3	0.7%
No information	316	74.0%

Ethnic Group		
 What is your ethnic group?		
Response	Barristers	Percentage of total
Asian/Asian British		
Bangladeshi	6	1.4%
Chinese	1	0.2%
Indian	16	3.7%
Pakistani	13	3.0%
Any other Asian background	3	0.7%
Black/African/Caribbean/Black British		
African	15	3.5%
Caribbean	5	1.2%
Any other black/Caribbean/Black British background	0	0.0%
Mixed/multiple ethnic groups		
White and Asian	3	0.7%
White and Black African	3	0.7%
White and Black Caribbean	2	0.5%
White and Chinese	2	0.5%
Any other Mixed/multiple ethnic background	4	0.9%
White		
British/English/Welsh/Northern Irish/Scottish	285	66.7%
Irish	10	2.3%
Gypsy or Irish Traveller	0	0.0%
Any other White background	11	2.6%
Other ethnic group		
Arab	0	0.0%
Any other ethnic group	7	1.6%
Prefer not to say		
Prefer not to say	3	0.7%
No information		
No information	38	8.9%

Religion or belief		
 What is your religion or belief?		
Response	Barristers	Percentage of total
No religion or belief	48	11.2%
Buddhist	0	0.0%
Christian	60	14.1%
Hindu	1	0.2%
Jewish	5	1.2%
Muslim	5	1.2%
Sikh	3	0.7%
Any other religion	2	0.5%
Prefer not to say	17	4.0%
No information	286	67.0%

Sexual orientation		
<p>“ What is your sexual orientation?</p>		
Response	Barristers	Percentage of total
Bisexual	4	0.9%
Gay man	2	0.5%
Gay woman/lesbian	1	0.2%
Heterosexual/straight	129	30.2%
Other	2	0.5%
Prefer not to say	0	0.0%
No information	289	67.7%

Socio-economic background		
<p>“ 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?</p>		
Response	Barristers	Percentage of total
Yes	65	15.2%
No	76	17.8%
Did not attend University	1	0.2%
Prefer not to say	5	1.2%
No Information	280	65.6%
<p>“ Did you mainly attend a state or fee paying school between the ages 11-18?</p>		
Response	Barristers	Percentage of total
UK State School	80	18.7%
UK Independent/Fee-paying School	58	13.6%
Attended school outside the UK	5	1.2%
Prefer not to say	7	1.6%
No Information	277	64.9%

Caring responsibilities		
<p>“ Are you a primary carer for a child or children under 18?</p>		
Response	Barristers	Percentage of total
Yes	26	6.1%
No	113	26.5%
Prefer not to say	10	2.3%
No Information	278	65.1%
<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	115	26.9%
Yes, 1 - 19 hours a week	18	4.2%
Yes, 20 - 49 hours a week	2	0.5%
Yes, 50 or more hours a week	2	0.5%
Prefer not to say	10	2.3%
No Information	280	65.6%