

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	0.3%
25 - 34	92	30.3%
35 - 44	115	37.8%
45 - 54	106	34.9%
55 - 64	63	20.7%
65 +	13	4.3%
Prefer not to say	3	1.0%
No information	34	11.2%

Gender		
<p>“ What is your gender?</p>		
Response	Barristers	Percentage of total
Male	262	86.2%
Female	164	53.9%
Prefer not to say	1	0.3%
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	4.3%
No	151	49.7%
Prefer not to say	7	2.3%
No information	256	84.2%
<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	0.7%
Yes, limited a little	6	2.0%
No	100	32.9%
Prefer not to say	3	1.0%
No information	316	103.9%

Ethnic Group		
 What is your ethnic group?		
Response	Barristers	Percentage of total
Asian/Asian British		
Bangladeshi	6	2.0%
Chinese	1	0.3%
Indian	16	5.3%
Pakistani	13	4.3%
Any other Asian background	3	1.0%
Black/African/Caribbean/Black British		
African	15	4.9%
Caribbean	5	1.6%
Any other black/Caribbean/Black British background	0	0.0%
Mixed/multiple ethnic groups		
White and Asian	3	1.0%
White and Black African	3	1.0%
White and Black Caribbean	2	0.7%
White and Chinese	2	0.7%
Any other Mixed/multiple ethnic background	4	1.3%
White		
British/English/Welsh/Northern Irish/Scottish	285	93.8%
Irish	10	3.3%
Gypsy or Irish Traveller	0	0.0%
Any other White background	11	3.6%
Other ethnic group		
Arab	0	0.0%
Any other ethnic group	7	2.3%
Prefer not to say		
Prefer not to say	3	1.0%
No information		
No information	38	12.5%

Religion or belief		
 What is your religion or belief?		
Response	Barristers	Percentage of total
No religion or belief	48	15.8%
Buddhist	0	0.0%
Christian	60	19.7%
Hindu	1	0.3%
Jewish	5	1.6%
Muslim	5	1.6%
Sikh	3	1.0%
Any other religion	2	0.7%
Prefer not to say	17	5.6%
No information	286	94.1%

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	Barristers	Percentage of total
Bisexual	4	1.3%
Gay man	2	0.7%
Gay woman/lesbian	1	0.3%
Heterosexual/straight	129	42.4%
Other	2	0.7%
Prefer not to say	0	0.0%
No information	289	95.1%

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	65	21.4%
No	76	25.0%
Did not attend University	1	0.3%
Prefer not to say	5	1.6%
No Information	280	92.1%



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

Response	Barristers	Percentage of total
UK State School	80	26.3%
UK Independent/Fee-paying School	58	19.1%
Attended school outside the UK	5	1.6%
Prefer not to say	7	2.3%
No Information	277	91.1%

Caring responsibilities		
<p>“ Are you a primary carer for a child or children under 18?</p>		
Response	Barristers	Percentage of total
Yes	26	8.6%
No	113	37.2%
Prefer not to say	10	3.3%
No Information	278	91.4%
<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	37.8%
Yes, 1 - 19 hours a week	18	5.9%
Yes, 20 - 49 hours a week	2	0.7%
Yes, 50 or more hours a week	2	0.7%
Prefer not to say	10	3.3%
No Information	280	92.1%