

Barristers subject to complaints


In 2018 the Bar Standard Board received/opened complaints against 463 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	3	0.6%
25 - 34	65	14.0%
35 - 44	120	25.9%
45 - 54	110	23.8%
55 - 64	67	14.5%
65 +	28	6.0%
Prefer not to say	1	0.2%
No information	69	14.9%

Gender		
<p>“ What is your gender?</p>		
Response	Barristers	Percentage of total
Male	308	66.5%
Female	155	33.5%
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	18	3.9%
No	191	41.3%
Prefer not to say	4	0.9%
No information	250	54.0%
<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	3	0.6%
Yes, limited a little	9	1.9%
No	142	30.7%
Prefer not to say	5	1.1%
No information	304	65.7%

Ethnic Group		
 What is your ethnic group?		
Response	Barristers	Percentage of total
Asian/Asian British		
Bangladeshi	3	0.6%
Chinese	0	0.0%
Indian	8	1.7%
Pakistani	15	3.2%
Any other Asian background	11	2.4%
Black/African/Caribbean/Black British		
African	10	2.2%
Caribbean	9	1.9%
Any other black/Caribbean/Black British background	2	0.4%
Mixed/multiple ethnic groups		
White and Asian	1	0.2%
White and Black African	1	0.2%
White and Black Caribbean	1	0.2%
White and Chinese	2	0.4%
Any other Mixed/multiple ethnic background	6	1.3%
White		
British/English/Welsh/Northern Irish/Scottish	332	71.7%
Irish	8	1.7%
Gypsy or Irish Traveller	0	0.0%
Any other White background	19	4.1%
Other ethnic group		
Arab	1	0.2%
Any other ethnic group	4	0.9%
Prefer not to say		
Prefer not to say	1	0.2%
No information		
No information	29	6.3%

Religion or belief		
 What is your religion or belief?		
Response	Barristers	Percentage of total
No religion or belief	58	12.5%
Buddhist	2	0.4%
Christian	76	16.4%
Hindu	2	0.4%
Jewish	15	3.2%
Muslim	14	3.0%
Sikh	0	0.0%
Any other religion	1	0.2%
Prefer not to say	11	2.4%
No information	284	61.3%

Sexual orientation



What is your sexual orientation?

Response	Barristers	Percentage of total
Bisexual	3	0.6%
Gay man	10	2.2%
Gay woman/lesbian	1	0.2%
Heterosexual/straight	179	38.7%
Other	3	0.6%
Prefer not to say	0	0.0%
No information	267	57.7%

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	95	20.5%
No	89	19.2%
Did not attend University	0	0.0%
Prefer not to say	7	1.5%
No Information	272	58.7%



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

Response	Barristers	Percentage of total
UK State School	107	23.1%
UK Independent/Fee-paying School	74	16.0%
Attended school outside the UK	13	2.8%
Prefer not to say	6	1.3%
No Information	263	56.8%

Caring responsibilities		
<p>“ Are you a primary carer for a child or children under 18?</p>		
Response	Barristers	Percentage of total
Yes	41	8.9%
No	155	33.5%
Prefer not to say	3	0.6%
No Information	264	57.0%
<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	162	35.0%
Yes, 1 - 19 hours a week	26	5.6%
Yes, 20 - 49 hours a week	0	0.0%
Yes, 50 or more hours a week	3	0.6%
Prefer not to say	6	1.3%
No Information	266	57.5%