BSB/Bar Council Diversity Data Summary

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The BPTC Applicants from BPTC Online system 2010/2011

Do you		Frequency	Percentage
have a	Yes	131	4.2
disability?	No	2,863	92.4
N = 3,099	Missing	105	3.4

What is		Frequency	Percentage
your sexual	Bisexual	61	2
orientation?	Gay Man	30	1
	Gay Woman/ Lesbian	6	0.2
N = 3,099	Heterosexual/Straight	2729	88
	Other	17	0.5
	Missing	256	8.3

Do you		Frequency	Percentage
have a child	Yes	322	10.4
	No	2,710	87.4
N= 3,099	Missing	67	2.2

What is		Frequency	Percentage
your	Agnostic	135	4.4
religion or	Buddhist	178	5.7
belief?	Christian	1,037	33.5
	Hindu	160	5.2
N= 3,099	Jewish	22	0.7
	Muslim	748	24.1
	Sikh	33	1.1
	Other	39	1.3
	Not Religious	459	14.8
	Missing	288	9.2

What is		Frequency	Percentage
your ethnic	White	1,140	36.8
background	BME	1,862	60.1
	Missing	97	3.1
N= 3,099			

What is		Frequency	Percentage
your	Male	1,467	47.3
gender?	Female	1,458	47
	Missing	174	5.7
N= 3,099			

What is		
your Age?	Average	26 years ¹
N=3,099	Age	
	Missing	1 (0%)

The second stage of training to become a barrister is the Vocational Stage. This is the Bar Professional Training Course (BPTC), which can be taken either as a one year full-time course, or two years part-time. The purpose of the BPTC is to give barristers the skills and knowledge to prepare for working as a barrister. It is primarily a practical course. The BPTC replaced the Bar Vocational Course (BVC) in 2010/2011 academic year.

The emergence of equality and diversity monitoring on the BVC was influenced by the recommendations of 'The Barrow Report' (Final Report of the Committee of Inquiry into Equal Opportunities on the Bar Vocational Course, April 1994', and is being accessible on the Bar Council website for the years 2001 to 2008. The tables above display the equality and diversity information collected for the 2010/2011 academic year.

In regards to the measure of age in this table, this figure will be updated with further analysis to reflect the 'under 25 years old' and 'over 25 years old' categories used elsewhere in the presentation of data on the Bar.

 $^{^{\}rm 1}$ This result is based upon preliminary analysis of this dataset

Bar Professional Training Course Data: 2008/2009

Do you		Frequency	Percentage
have a	Yes	55	3
disability?	No	1442	80.4
N= 1,793	Missing	296	16.5

What is		Frequency	Percentage
your ethnic	White	790	44
background	BME	602	34
N= 1,793	Missing	401	22

What is		Frequency	Percentage
your	Male	858	48
gender?	Female	935	52
N= 1,793			

What is		Frequency	Percentage
your Age?	Under 25	968	53.9
N= 1,793	Over 25	346	19.3
	Missing	1,314	26.8

Summary

(BPTC) was formerly called the Bar Vocational Course (BVC). The Professional Training Course stage of training for the Bar requires successful completion of the Bar Professional Training Course² (BPTC) over one year full-time or two years part-time. During the BPTC there are twelve compulsory qualifying sessions (previously known as 'dining') that the Inns hold for their members.

The monitoring information from the Bar Professional Training Course (BPTC) is collected by the providers of the BPTC. This information is given to the Bar Standards Board (BSB)

² The Bar Professional Training Course prior to 2010 was called the Bar Vocational Course.

Education Department on an annual basis. The tables above show the equality and diversity strands monitored by the providers of the BPTC for 2008/2009 and is published on the website.

The Pupillage Portal 2010/2011

Do you	Frequency		Percentage
consider	Yes	85	3
yourself disabled?	No	2,556	90
	Missing	200	7
N= 2,841			

What is		Frequency	Percentage
your sexual	Bisexual	16	0.6
orientation?	Gay Man	52	1.8
	Gay Woman/Lesbian	12	0.4
N = 2,841	Heterosexual/Straight	2,458	86.5
	Other	2	0.1
	Missing	301	10.6

Do you		Frequency	Percentage
have a child	Yes	244	8.6
	No	2,407	84.7
N= 2,841	Missing	190	6.7

What is		Frequency	Percentage
your	Male	1,214	51.1
gender?	Female	1,452	42.7
	Missing	175	6.2
N = 2,841			

What is		Frequency	Percentage
your	Agnostic	215	7.6
religion or	Buddhist	20	0.7
belief?	Christian	1,159	40.8
	Hindu	63	2.2
N = 2,841	Jewish	39	1.4
	Muslim	193	6.8
	Sikh	44	1.5
	Other	49	1.7
	Not Religious	709	25
	Missing	350	12.3

What is		Frequency	Percentage
your ethnic	White	1,874	66
background	BME	732	25.7
	Missing	235	8.3
N= 2,841			

What is		Frequency	Percentage
your Age ³ ?	Under 25	1,130	39.8
N=2,841	Over 25	996	35.1
	Missing	715	25.2

The final stage of training to become a barrister is pupillage. Students who have completed the BPTC can apply for pupillage with chambers online through the pupillage portal however this system does not capture a minority of applicants as in rare cases applications are not done through the pupillage portal.

The pupillage portal was established to monitor pupillage applications and to allow equality and diversity monitoring of pupillage applications. The tables above display the equality and diversity information collected for the 2010/2011 academic year.

 $^{^{3}}$ This is the result of preliminary analysis

Pupils from the 2008/2009 Pupillage Survey

Do you		Frequency	Percentage
have a	Yes	9	1.8
disability?	No	465	94.9
N= 490	Missing	16	3.3

What is		Frequency	Percentage
your sexual	Bisexual	8	1.6
orientation?	Gay Man	17	3.5
	Gay Woman/Lesbian	2	0.4
N = 490	Heterosexual/Straight	425	86.7
	Other	3	0.6
	Missing	35	7.2

Do you		Frequency	Percentage
have a Child	Yes	51	10.4
	No	429	87.6
N= 490	Missing	10	2

What is		Frequency	Percentage
your ethnic	White	363	74.1
background	BME	126	25.7
	Missing	1	0.2
N= 490			

What is		Frequency	Percentage
your	Male	280	57.1
gender?	Female	210	42.9
N= 490			

What is		Frequency	Percentage
your Age?	Under 25	218	44.5
N = 490	Over 25	272	55.5

Social		Frequency	Percentage
Economic	Modern	205	41.8
Status	Professional		
N = 490	Occupations		
	Clerical &	41	8.4
	Intermediate		
	Occupations		
	Senior	11	2.2
	Managers or		
	Administrators		
	Technical and	12	2.4
	Craft		
	Occupations		
	Semi-routine &	5	1
	manual service		
	occupations		
	Routine &	8	1.6
	manual service		
	occupations		
	Middle or	9	1.8
	Junior		
	Managers		
	Traditional	168	34.1
	Professional		
	Occupations		
	Unknown	31	6.3

The social class categories listed above is used by the Research Department in collecting and analysing data. This method is widely used in social science and the reference below⁴ is used as a standard measure in all surveys and reports.

⁴ Heath, A. F., J. Martin and Beerten (1998) 'A comparison of Registrar General's Social Class with an approximation derived from the long version of the new National Statistics socio-economic classification and the 8 categories derived from The National Statistics and Socio-Economic Classification (NS-SEC).' Workshop of Validation, Essex University.

The pupillage supplementary survey is completed with registration by pupils who have been accepted to undertake pupillage. This is the final stage of training to become a barrister and competition is strong to secure pupillage. The survey is undertaken when registering for First Six of pupillage. Pupillage consists of twelve months spent in chambers undertaking practical training. This is divided into two six month periods.

The tables above show the equality and diversity strands monitored in the pupillage supplementary survey for 2008/2009. Data for 2007/2008 is published on the Bar Standards Board website and will be updated once this data is fully analysed.

The Exit Survey 2010

Gender		Frequency	Percentage
N= 233	Male	128	55
	Female	105	45
	Missing		

Ethnic Origin		Frequency	Percentage
N= 233	White	219	94
	BME	13	6
	Missing	1	0

Disability		Frequency	Percentage
N= 233	Yes	15	6
	No	212	91
	Missing	6	3

The exit survey was originally commissioned in 2005 and examined barristers changing practice from 2001 to 2005, the survey was repeated in 2007 and annually since then. The above tables provide data on barristers leaving the profession based upon the 2010 survey; this refers to barristers who left the profession in 2009. Currently 'The Exit for Barristers Changing Practice' is published on the Bar Council website for the years 2001 to 2008 as an aggregate report. The Electoral Reform Services was commissioned by The General Council of the Bar to conduct the survey and prepared a summary report.

The tables above provide a breakdown on barristers changing practice on the basis of gender, race and disability from the 2010 Exit Survey. These are the only equality and diversity strands measured in this survey. In responding to 'Ethnic Origin', one respondent did not choose a category and in responding to 'Do you consider yourself to be disabled?' 6 (3%) of respondents did not answer.

The Employed Bar Survey 2007

Gender		Frequency	Percentage
N= 383	Male	214	56
	Female	169	44
	Missing		

Ethnic Origin		Frequency	Percentage
N= 383	White	356	93
	BME	27	7
	Missing		0

Disability		Frequency	Percentage
N= 383	Yes	13	3.5
	No	370	96.5
	Missing		

At the end of November 2007 the Employed Barristers' Committee (EBC) of the Bar Council undertook a 'Survey of the Employed Bar' to find out more about the profile of employed barristers, their backgrounds and interests, the issues that affected employed practitioners and the matters that they thought the EBC - as their representatives – should prioritise in 2008. The results of this Survey are not representative of the employed Bar as a whole but they give some indication of practitioners' concerns and provide the EBC with important feedback.

The EBC received 383 responses to the Survey (13% of all practising employed barristers).

- o 56% of respondents were male and a corresponding 44% were female.
- o 93% described their ethnic group as 'White'. The remaining 7% described themselves as being of other non-White ethnic groups.
- o Less than 4% considered themselves to be disabled.
- o The average Call date of those responding to the Survey was 1991(= 17 years' Call).
- o Respondents worked in a variety of employment sectors, with 56% employed in the public sector and 44% in the private sector or other areas of employment.
- o 88% of respondents were working full-time at the time of the Survey, with a corresponding 12% working part-time.
- o Over three-quarters (77%) of respondents had undertaken pupillage, of whom the majority (88%) had completed pupillage in Chambers.
- Only 37% of respondents worked for organisations which were registered Pupillage Training Organisations.
- Almost 90% of respondents anticipated remaining at the employed Bar. Of these, 35% would actively consider applying for Queen's Counsel and 64% would consider applying for judicial office.