

# Equality Monitoring Survey 2016 and 2017

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**Service Users**

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## Introduction

1. As part of the action taken to ensure that the public sector equality duty is met, we collect and analyse relevant service user data and then use the analysis to refine relevant policies and practice where required.
2. An annual report is provided to the SMT on Equality Monitoring (Service Users), as part of the assurance reporting required by the Governance Reporting Arrangements.
3. All policies which impact the public have been equalities impact assessed in line with our current policies and procedures.
4. Equality Monitoring Forms are sent to new applicants and requestors and the following report summaries the data collected for 2016 and 2017.

## Response rate

	2016 (calendar year)	2017 (calendar year)
<b>Response Rate</b>	16%	17%

## Q1. Ethnicity - how would you describe yourself?

Heritage:	2016 % of total responses to section	2017 % of total responses to section	Movement 2016 to 2017	Scottish national comparator 2011 census
<b>Asian/Asian British</b>				
• Bangladeshi	1%	0%	-1%	0%
• Indian	1%	0%	-1%	1%
• Pakistani	0%	0%	-	1%
• Any other Asian background	0%	2%	+2%	0%
<b>Black/Black British</b>				
• African	0%	0%	-	1%
• Caribbean	1%	0%	-1%	0%
• Any other black background	1%	0%	-1%	0%
<b>Chinese or other ethnic group</b>				
• Chinese	1%	0%	-	1%
• Any other	1%	0%	-1%	0%
<b>Mixed heritage</b>				
• White and Asian	0%	0%	-	0%
• White and black African	1%	0%	-1%	0%
• White and black Caribbean	0%	0%	-	0%
• Any other mixed background	1%	1%	-	0%
<b>White</b>				
• British	29%	38%	+9%	)
• English	3%	0	-3%	)
• Irish	1%	0	-1%	)
• Scottish	58%	50%	-8%	1%
• Welsh	0%	0%	-	84%
• Any other white background	1%	8%	+7%	3%
<b>Prefer not to say</b>	0%	1%	-4%	-

## Q2. Disability - do you consider yourself to have a disability or long-term health condition?

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	2016 % of total responses to section	2017 % of total responses to section	Movement 2016 to 2017	Scottish national comparator - 2011 Census
Yes	23%	26%	+3%	20%
No	66%	56%	-10%	80%
Prefer not to say	11%	18%	+7%	

## Q3. Gender - would you describe yourself as:

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	2016 % of total responses to section	2017 % of total responses to section	Movement 2016 to 2017	Scottish national comparator - 2011 Census
Male	76%	73%	-3%	48.5%
Female	24%	23%	-1%	51.5%
Prefer not to say	0%	4%	+4%	

## Q4. Sexual orientation - what is your sexual orientation?

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	2016 % of total responses to section	2017 % of total responses to section	Movement 2016 to 2017	Scottish national comparator - 2016 Scottish Household Survey
Bisexual	2%	2%	-	0.4%
Gay man	4%	2%	-2%	) 1.1%
Gay woman	1%	3%	+2%	)
Heterosexual/straight	81%	76%	-5%	97.9%
Other	2%	0%	-2%	0.1%
Prefer not to say	10%	17%	+7%	0.4%

## Q5 Age - Into which age band do you fall?

	2016 % of total responses to section	2017 % of total responses to section	Movement 2016 to 2017	Scottish national comparator - 2011 Census
Under 16	0%	0%	-	17%
16-21	0%	1%	+1%	8%
22-30	9%	4%	-5%	12%
31-40	4%	9%	+5%	13%
41-50	20%	26%	+6%	15%
51-60	23%	22%	-1%	13%
61-65	13%	17%	+4%	6%
65+	27%	20%	-7%	16%
Prefer not to say	4%	1%	-3%	-

## Q6 Religion and belief - tick the box that best describes you

	2016 % of total responses to section	2017 % of total responses to section	Movement 2016 to 2017	Scottish national comparator - 2011 Census
No religion / None	33%	34%	+1%	36.7%
Agnostic	4%	8%	+4%	)
Atheist	6%	3%	-3%	) 0.3%
Humanist	1%	0%	-1%	)
Spiritualist	0%	1%	+1%	)
Buddhist	1%	1%	-	0.2%
Christian	37%	33%	-4%	53.8%
Hindu	0%	0%	-	0.3%
Jew	2%	0%	-2%	0.1%
Muslim	0%	0%	-	1.5%
Sikh	0%	0%	-	0.2%
Daoist	1%	0%	-1%	
Prefer not to say	15%	15%	-	6.9%
Other – Roman Catholic	-	3%	-	15.8%
Other – Quaker	-	1%	-	
Other – not specified	-	1%	-	



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