



Myerscough College

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Gender Pay Report

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1. Introduction

Gender pay is the difference between the average earnings of working men and women within an organisation; it differs from equal pay which is about differences in pay for the same work, similar work, or work which is of equal value.

Changes were made to the Equality Act in 2017 which required organisations – those employing 250 employees or more - to publish their gender pay information. This legislative change was introduced to increase transparency on gender pay inequality and to encourage organisations to take pro-active measures to reduce any gender pay gap.

At Myerscough College, we are committed to equality, diversity, and inclusion. We actively take steps to monitor and assess all of our policies, practices, and decisions - keeping fairness and equality at the forefront of our minds - to eliminate and prevent any form of discrimination.

2. Background

Why do we have gender pay inequality?

In society, we have a gender pay imbalance in favour of men; which means, on average, men receive higher earnings than women. A gender pay gap usually occurs because of one of five factors:

1. **Vertical segregation** - the underrepresentation of women in senior, high-paying roles.
2. **Occupational segregation** - women are more likely to work in occupations with high proportions of female co-workers, which tend to be less well paid.
3. **Horizontal segregation** - represented by industrial sector. Women are more likely to work in lower paid and lower skilled industries.
4. **Caring Responsibilities** – Unequal sharing of care responsibilities contributes to a higher proportion of women taking part-time work, which is generally lower paid. Consequently the gender pay gap widens.
5. **Gender discrimination, bias and corporate culture.**

(Business in the Community 2019)

What information should organisations be publishing?

As part of the reporting responsibilities, each qualifying organisation must publish the following information:

- **The mean gender pay gap** - the difference between the average pay of all women and all men.
- **The median gender pay gap** - the difference in pay between the middle man and middle woman if you were to line up all employees in the organisation according to pay.
- **The mean bonus gender pay gap**
- **The median bonus gender pay gap**
- **The proportion of male and female employees who received a bonus** - the difference between the average bonus pay of all women and all men.
- **The proportion of male and female employees within each pay quartile** - the difference in bonus pay between the middle man and middle woman, if you were to line up all employees receiving bonuses in the organisation according to pay.

What are the current implications of gender pay nationally and also for education as a sector?

During this reporting year – 2021, the Office for National Statistics (ONS) has confirmed that nationally the gender pay gap for all employees – inclusive of both full time and part time staff – is 15.4%, an increase from 14.9% in 2020.

Please note: ONS highlight that the data for 2020 was affected by both the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and disruption to the collection of data from businesses; this means that comparisons with 2020 data need to be treated with caution.

Specifically, for the education sector, the gender pay gap is estimated to be 26%. (BBC 2021)

3. Gender Pay Data

Reporting Period:

1st April 2020 – 31st March 2021

Myerscough College Mean and Median Pay:

Calculation Type	Year	Percentage
Mean Gender Pay Gap	2021	11.68%
Mean Gender Pay Gap	2020	15.09%
Median Gender Pay Gap	2021	22.92%
Median Gender Pay Gap	2020	26.27

Myerscough College Mean and Median Bonus Pay:

Myerscough College does not operate bonus pay for either male or female employees.

Myerscough College Quartiles: (the percentage of males and females in each pay quartile)

Quartile	Reporting Year	Male Representation	Year on Year Transition	Female Representation	Year on Year Transition
Lower	2021	28.18%	↑ 4.78%	71.82%	↑ 4.78%
Lower	2020	23.4%		76.6%	
Lower Middle	2021	23.76%	↓ 1.74%	76.24%	↓ 1.74%
Lower Middle	2020	25.5%		74.5%	
Upper Middle	2021	42.78%	↔ 0%	57.22%	↔ 0%
Upper Middle	2020	42.78%		57.22%	
Upper	2021	49.72%	↑ 1.88%	50.28%	↑ 1.88%
Upper	2020	51.6%		48.4%	

4. Supporting Narrative

- Our gender pay gap is caused by a disproportionate split in the gender ratios of staff. We employ a higher percentage of female employees, and we employ a higher proportion of female employees within lower paid roles. This is caused by three main issues:
 - Women are more likely to work in occupations with a high proportion of female co-workers, which tend to be less well paid.
 - Women are more likely to work in lower paid and lower skilled industries.
 - Unequal sharing of care responsibilities contributes to a higher proportion of women taking part-time work, which is generally lower paid.

These challenges are not specific to us, but society as a whole.

- This year, there has been an improvement to our mean (average) pay gap, an improvement of 3.41% (11.68% mean pay gap). Our median (middle) pay gap has also improved, improving by 3.35% (22.92% median pay gap).
- We made a commitment last year – as part of the positive action required to reduce our gender pay gap – to undertake a comprehensive review of our pay structure. This review was completed and we introduced a new pay framework, in late 2021. Our new pay framework enhances our pay strategy, enables improved future pay, and supports equal pay between genders. Our pay framework was designed to support fairness, transparency, equality, and affordability in all current and future pay related decisions. We acknowledge that it will take some time before the benefits of our new pay structure can impact our gender pay data, given the current reporting period is prior to the introduction of our new pay framework.
- This year, we will continue to support positive action towards eliminating our gender pay gap. We will continue to ensure fairness and consistency in all pay related decisions, we will continue to ensure gender pay is a key part of our equality and diversity action plan, we will continue to offer and support flexible working, and we will formally introduce hybrid working opportunities.
- We acknowledge that it will take time to fully eliminate our gender pay gap, particularly as it is a wider societal issue, which also requires evolution and change beyond our organisation.

5. Next Steps

Eliminating the gender pay gap is a journey, one which will require continual focus and effort. We will keep gender pay disparity firmly in our focus, as part of both process and policy design, and decision making. A number of our previous actions remain relevant and continue to be an area of ongoing focus:

- Continue to ensure no barriers are evident in the recruitment and selection process, in particular, with reference to unconscious bias awareness for managers/interviewers.
- Continue to offer and support flexible working requests (where business needs allow) to retain talented employees who may have taken a break due to family/carer responsibilities and provide equality of opportunity to achieve career progression on a part time basis, males and females.

- To work towards exceeding the National Living Wage.
- To introduce a hybrid working policy which supports increased flexibility and positive work life balance.

The information contained in the above statement has been verified as accurate.

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