

# Respite Stay Consultation

○ In the last 12 months, have you used the Respite Service as a carer or a service user?

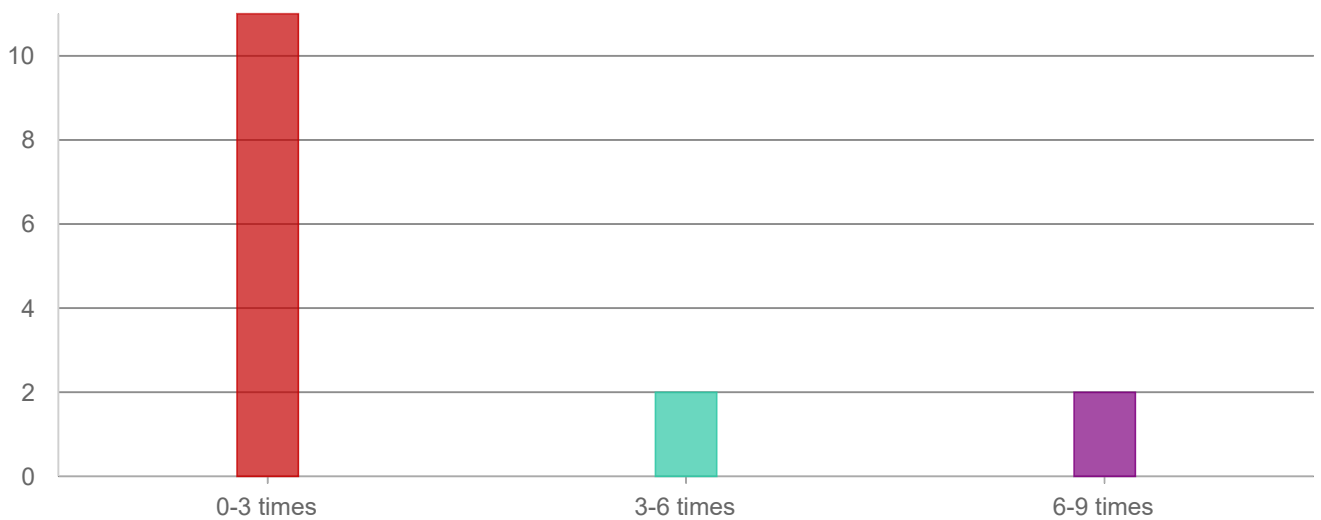


**Answers** **Count** **Percentage**

Carer	11	
Service user	5	

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○ How often have you used the service in the last 12 months?



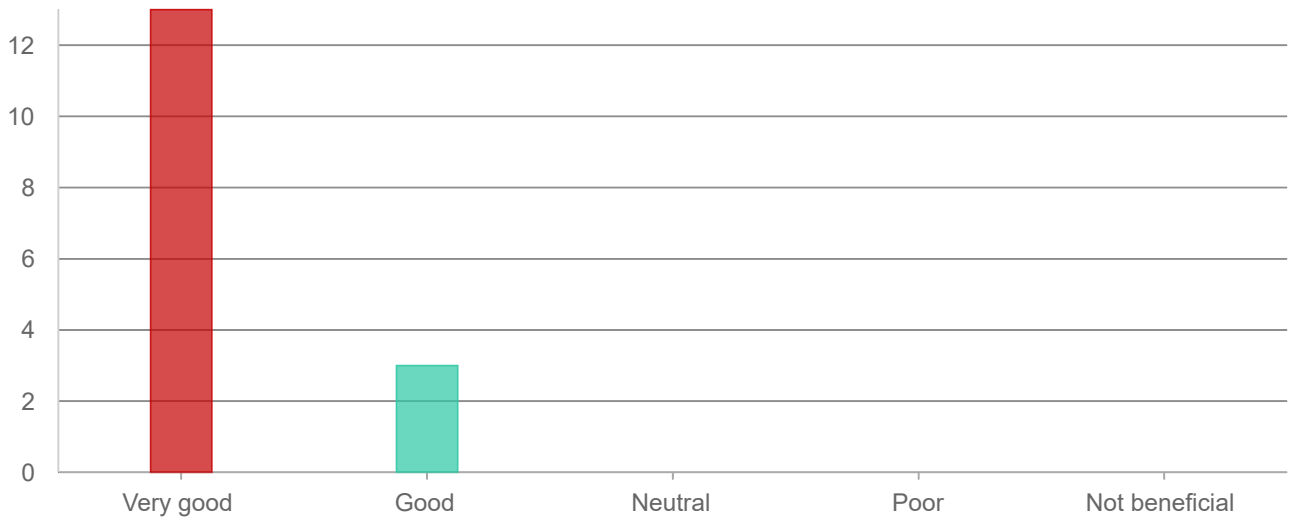
**Answers** **Count** **Percentage**

0-3 times	11	
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3-6 times	2
6-9 times	2

Answered: 15 Skipped: 2

How do you rate the service in terms of benefit to yourself as a service user or carer?



Answers	Count	Percentage
Very good	13	
Good	3	
Neutral	0	
Poor	0	
Not beneficial	0	

Answered: 16 Skipped: 1

Do you agree that the service should now be means tested and service users should pay only according to their ...



**Answers** **Count** **Percentage**

Yes	6	
No	11	

Answered: 17 Skipped: 0

If no, please could you state why?

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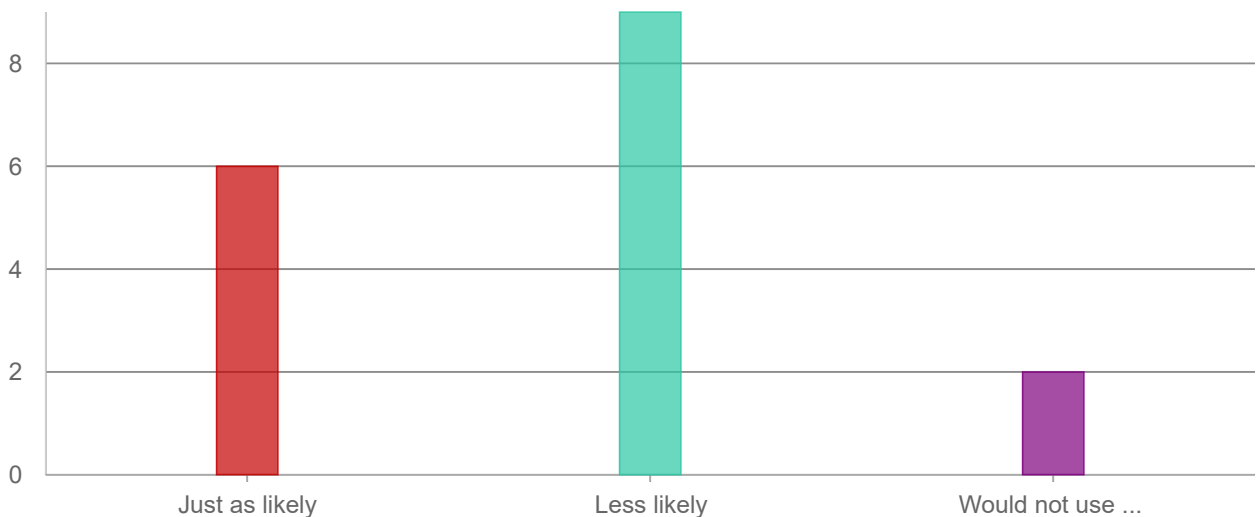
**Response** **Count**

I have given up my home and life to move in with my mother who is 98 and needs full time care. I do not receive anything for doing this full time job. I am 67 and my life is on hold. I am only able to leave my mother for a couple of hours at a time and need to be within a 10 minute drive should she need me. The respite care I have had for her has been invaluable and it has given me the opportunity to take short breaks of up to 6 days on 2 occasions. I do not think it should be means tested, it should be available to all carers. I only found out about by chance, previously to that I placed my Mum in a care home at a cost of £839 for 6 days. My monthly income just about covered the week. It was very stressful to have to think about the payment. I would not be able to have this very valuable time. I didn't abuse the system and didn't use the full 6 week allocation. I would be prepared to have less time if the funding remained the same. Helen Orchel Mother 98 years old Sarah B Murdoch	2
The respite is only used in absolute need of rest	1
If respite care was significantly more expensive we would be less likely to use it. This would have a negative impact on the family and my mum.	1

I have cared for my husband since 2015 full time, and it is physically and emotionally exhausting. As a couple who saved towards our old age no financial benefits have been available for my husband other than attendance allowance, even though he has required full care for years. I took early retirement (at financial loss) to care for him, as the cost of care visits for 4 half hours a day was more than I was earning, and didn't give him any quality of life. A short period of respite to recharge energy is essential for the carer and for that to have to be funded by those who worked hard to enjoy their retirement is outrageous, when others who have no savings and are already on benefits receive more support than those who are self supporting. I strongly disapprove of any move towards making carer respite means tested, as the cost can in no way match the money that we carers are saving the Health Service by doing the role unpaid. (Carers allowance is a pittance against real care costs!)	1
I feel that some people who have been careful with their income and savings over the years would be disadvantaged as they may have to pay full cost when others who may have not been wise in the past and have no savings may get the respite package at lower cost.	1
I don't think it's right that any user should have to be means tested to pay for respite care. We already pay the flat rate for this service and we pay towards day centres and travel to and from them out of the money that my son gets. He doesn't get a great deal as it is and to expect him to be means tested is disgusting. It won't leave him anything to buy clothes or sensory items with. These people who use respite care use it for a reason to give us carers a break from the caring role we gladly do. I, for one will be appalled if we have to pay more for this service, and, if we have to pay more for it I can see people using it less often.	1
I don't have a lot of disposable income	1
	0

Answered: 8 Skipped: 9

The cost of this service may increase or decrease according to the financial assessment. Are you just as likely t...



Answers	Count	Percentage
Just as likely	6	
Less likely	9	

Would not use the service if the cost increased

2

Answered: 17 Skipped: 0

○ Do you have any suggestions on how the service could be charged differently or more fairly?

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Response	Count
none	2
those who have more income should be prepared to pay a little more towards the service.	1
There is obviously no easy answer to finding the funds to support this service, because the whole area of care is completely underfunded, and requires massive Government investment. . I have been told that carers are allowed between 6 and 9 weeks annually. Some take it all, others don't. Perhaps if an actual budget was set to cover a set number of weeks for carers respite, as it is in the workplace, relative to time spent caring. Say starting at 4 weeks, building with time. This would seem to be a fairer way of funding the costs relative to each carer.	1
the only assistance I get financially is this service. I do not get carers allowance and my father pays for all his care	1
The council must be vigilant in obtaining full details of income and savings so that the service is not abused.	1
Reduce the time allocation to 4 weeks	1
Personally I don't see why anyone should have to pay more than the flat rate for respite care.	1
Perhaps you could reduce the number of weeks from 6 to 2 or 3, that could save a little for Middlesbrough Council	1
Perhaps reduce the time to 4 weeks instead of 6 weeks.	1
not at present	1
No. We recognize the difficulty in changing the charging model.	1
keep the charge at flat rate, but maybe increase it by a small amount. If means charges are high people would not use this service as they cannot afford it. People with dementia are not given a lot of help without high charges.	1
In all probability, means testing of Service users will result in a significant reduction in the update of this essential support to Carers. The overall consequence of this proposal is therefore likely to be Service Users ending up prematurely in full time care because Carers will not be able to cope without the breaks they have been given to date. Without regular respite periods, full time caring is an impossible task. Whilst there may be a short term financial benefit to the Council, the proposal is likely, in the long term to increase the financial burden on the council by forcing service users into full time care. Carers support service users, the council and the government by providing cost free care in the home. Why not recognize this and support them rather than developing proposals which will have the opposite effect. The proposal if successful will have a negative impact on everyone involved in supporting service users.	1

I strongly believe that the charges should remain as they are. Carers struggle at home to care for their loved ones, are under tremendous stress and save the council a lot of money should care home be needed. They rely on respite care to be able to carry on caring at home.

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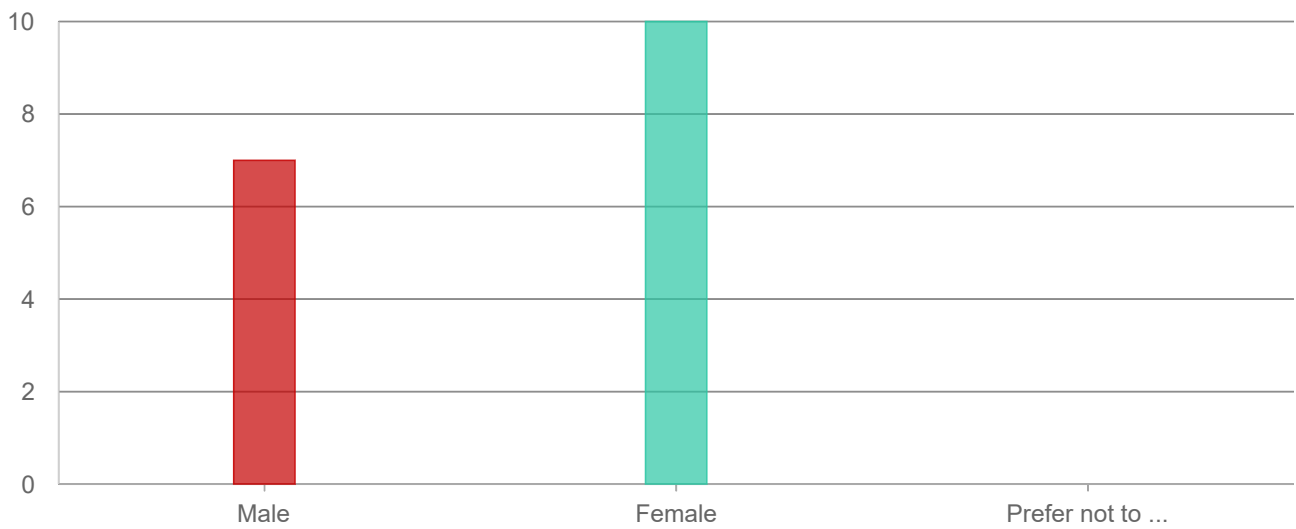
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**Equality Monitoring**

**Equality Monitoring > GENDER**

Are you male or female?



**Answers**

**Count**

**Percentage**

Male	7	
Female	10	
Prefer not to say	0	

Answered: 17 Skipped: 0

Is your gender the same now as it was when it was assigned at birth?



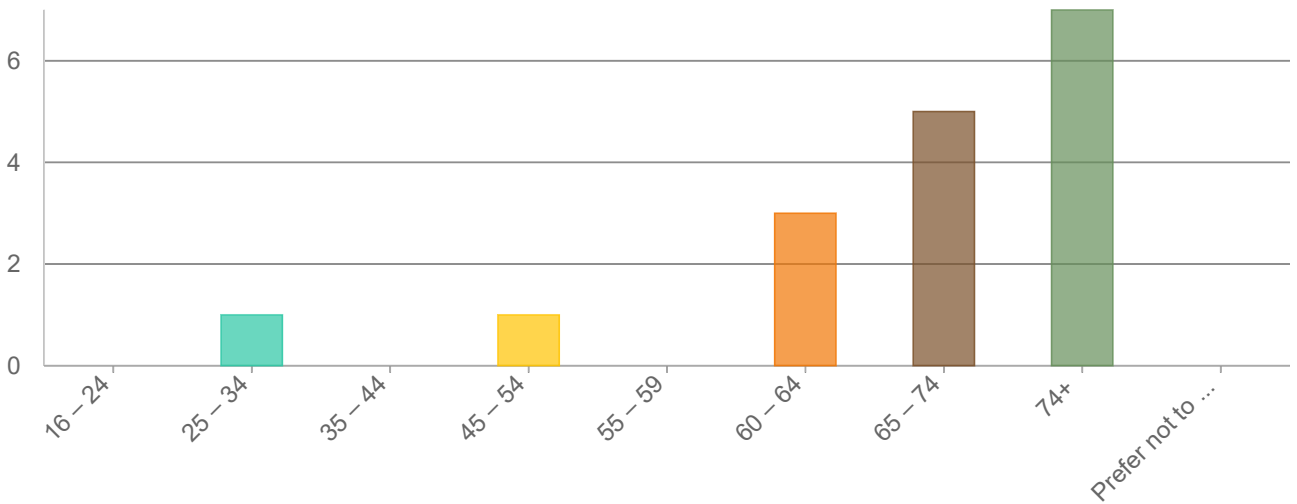
**Answers** **Count** **Percentage**

Yes	16	
No	0	

Answered: 16 Skipped: 1

**Equality Monitoring > AGE**

Please indicate which of these age bands you fit into?



**Answers** **Count** **Percentage**

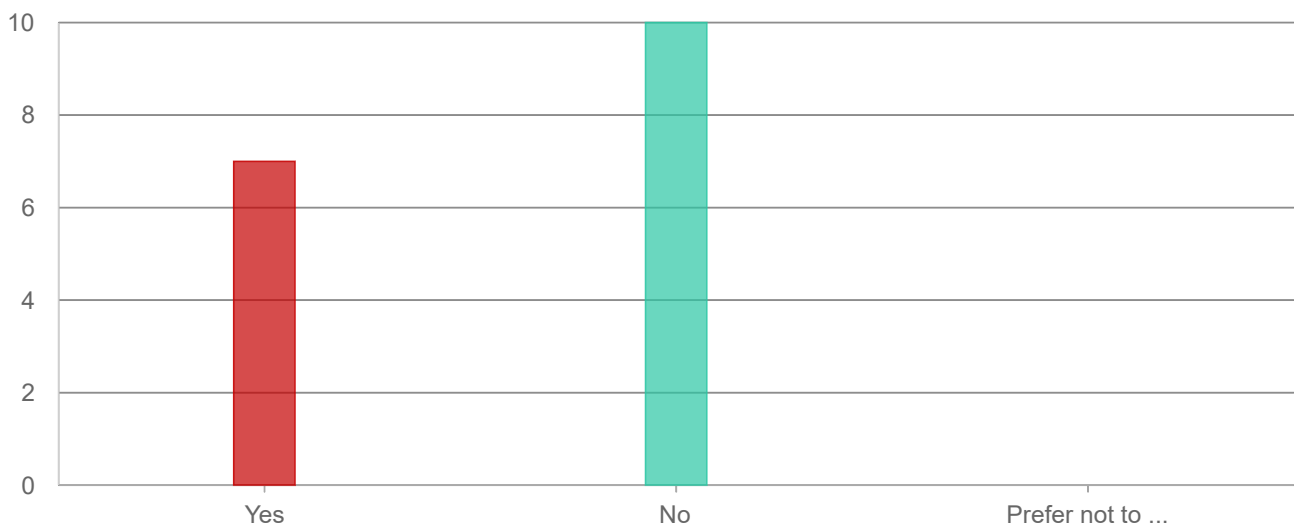
16 - 24	0	
25 - 34	1	
35 - 44	0	
45 - 54	1	

55 – 59	0
60 – 64	3
65 – 74	5
74+	7
Prefer not to say	0

Answered: 17 Skipped: 0

**Equality Monitoring > DISABILITY**

Do you consider yourself to be a person with a disability?



**Answers** **Count** **Percentage**

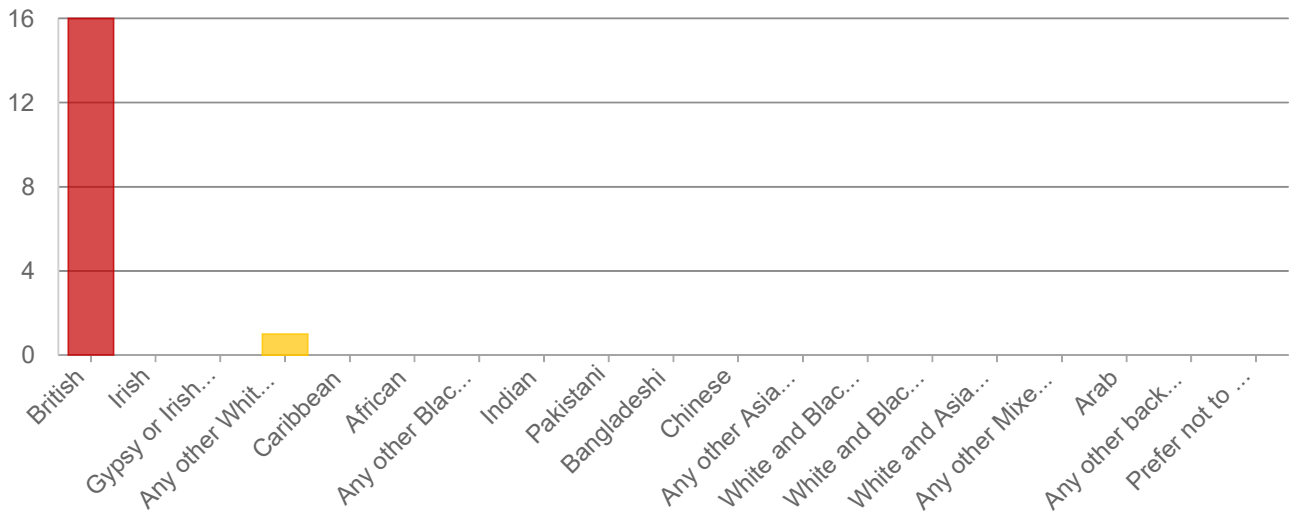
Yes	7
No	10
Prefer not to say	0

Answered: 17 Skipped: 0

**Equality Monitoring > ETHNICITY**

To which of these groups do you consider you belong?





**Answers** **Count** **Percentage**

Answers	Count	Percentage
British	16	
Irish	0	
Gypsy or Irish Traveller	0	
Any other White background	1	
Caribbean	0	
African	0	
Any other Black background	0	
Indian	0	
Pakistani	0	
Bangladeshi	0	
Chinese	0	
Any other Asian background	0	
White and Black Caribbean	0	
White and Black African	0	
White and Asian	0	
Any other Mixed background	0	
Arab	0	
Any other background	0	
Prefer not to say	0	

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○ ○ If you have selected an “Any other” ethnic category, please provide details below.

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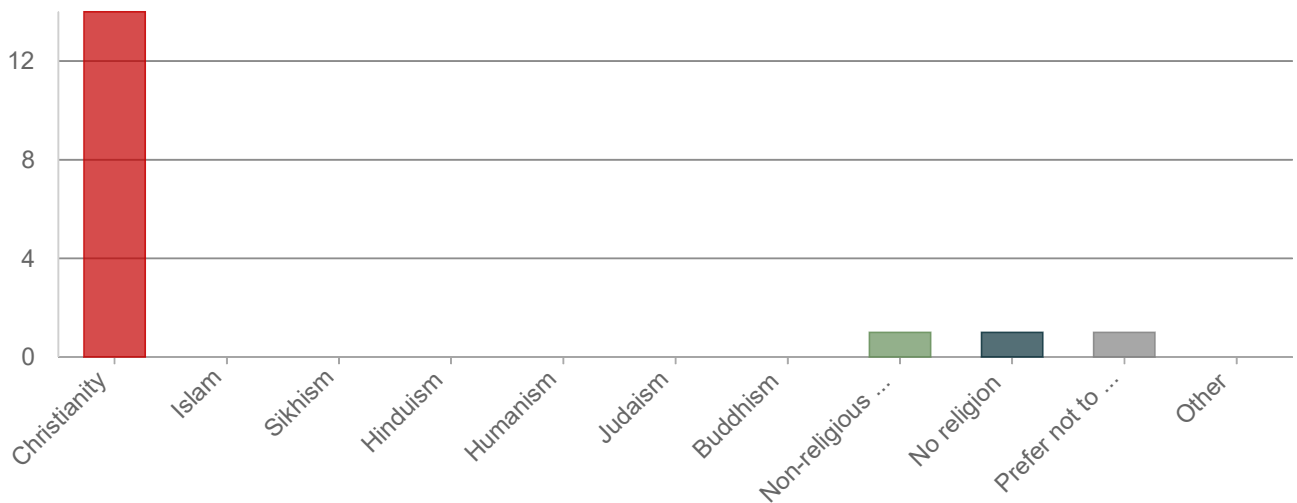
**Word** **Count**

English/Italian	1
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Answered: 1 Skipped: 16

**Equality Monitoring > RELIGION OR BELIEF**

○ ○ What is your religion or belief?



**Answers** **Count** **Percentage**

Answers	Count	Percentage
Christianity	14	
Islam	0	
Sikhism	0	
Hinduism	0	
Humanism	0	
Judaism	0	
Buddhism	0	
Non-religious belief	1	
No religion	1	
Prefer not to say	1	

Other

0

Answered: 17 Skipped: 0

**Equality Monitoring > SEXUAL ORIENTATION**

○ ○ **What is your sexual orientation/sexuality?**



**Answers**

**Count**

**Percentage**

Answers	Count	Percentage
Heterosexual or straight	16	
Gay/Lesbian	0	
Bisexual	0	
Prefer not to say	1	

Answered: 17 Skipped: 0