

Using Staff Led conversations to Engage Workplace Leaders and Embrace Diversity

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Who are St Andrew's?

- 1 Major Mental Health and Learning Disability Charity
- 2 Care for 3000+ service users (inpatient and community)
- 3 Employ 4000+ staff
- 4 We have national & international reach
- 5 £200M annual turnover
- 6 We destigmatise mental health so people can live a life free from stigma and shame



Diversity summary

Disclosure has improved



Age

There is balanced distribution across the age bands from 21-30 to 51-60. This is favourable when compared to the NHS which has an ageing workforce amongst nurses

-2.8%

Our Ethnicity Pay Gap ratio is -2.8%. This means that, on average, our BAME employees receive a higher hourly rate of pay compared to our non-BAME colleagues.

Our results are positive when compared to the 2019 national pay gap of 2.3%.

Female representation at higher levels has increased...



↑ **49%** of our Leaders are female

↑ **30%** of our Charity Executive Committee are female

15%

of Senior Leaders and Leaders have disclosed a disability, favourable to UK benchmark of 10%

27%

of Senior Leadership are BAME



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Our Board BAME representation is 15%, up from 7% last year. The national UK average is 1.5%.

0%

Our Gender Pay Gap ratio is 0%. This means that our median male and female hourly rates of pay are exactly the same.

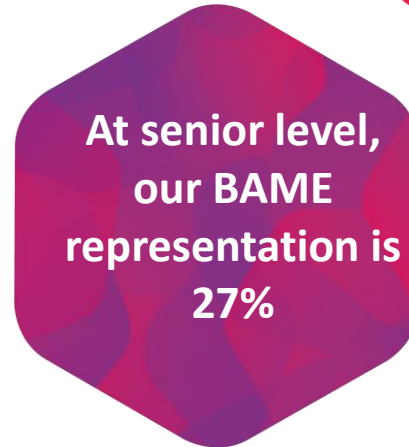
Our results are significantly lower than the 2019 national gender pay gap (median 17.3% / mean 16.2%), and favourable when compared to NHS, charity and Healthcare organisations.



Ethnicity breakdown

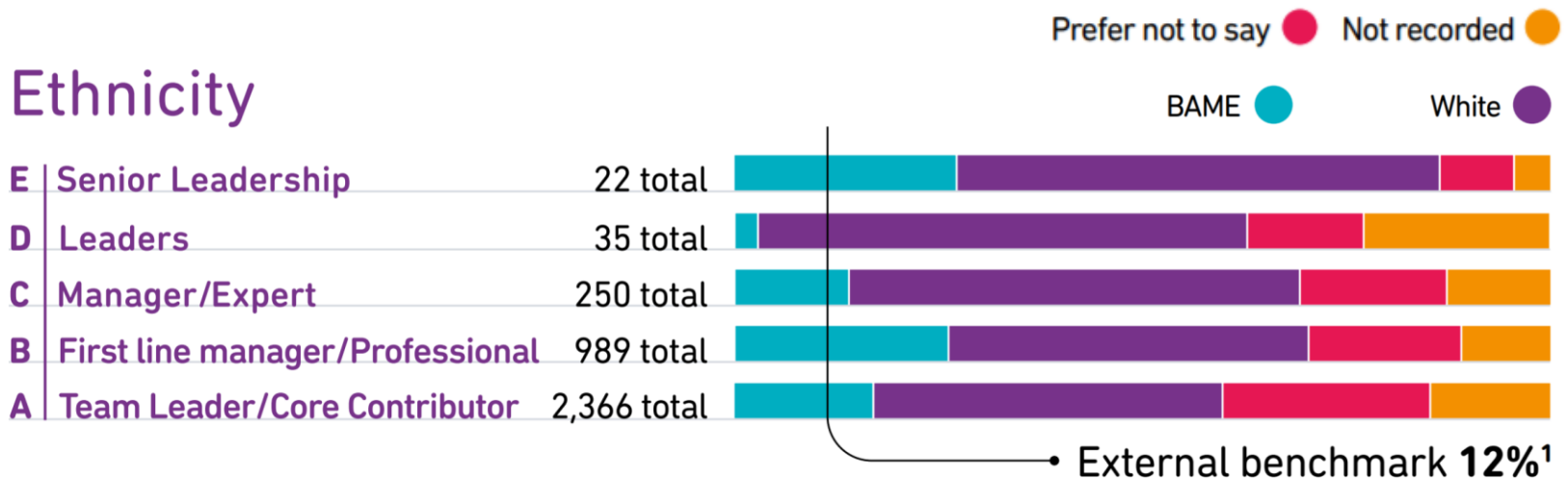


This is favourable compared to national average of 12%



This is one of the highest in the country

Ethnicity



> Workforce diversity – My epiphany

Me

I'm a white middle-aged British man

I'm from humble beginnings

I became a nursing assistant

I became a nurse

I'm in a senior management position

Austin

Austin is a Nigerian middle-aged man

Austin is from humble beginnings

Austin became a nursing assistant

Austin became a nurse

Austin remains a nurse



> It's not enough to be anti-racist

- I'm not racist
- I have always treated everyone equally
- I don't have a bias
- I'm no more qualified to lead than Austin is - I have just had more opportunities presented to me
- BUT.....
- Were my experiences borne of opportunity or privilege?
- Should I be talking to you or should he?
- Do I really understand?
- What could I and our Charity do to help?

Embracing diversity - Reverse mentoring



- Mutual learning
- Listen and hear
- Be curious and expect to change
- Share experiences
- Role model for peers, colleagues, service users
- Remove barriers and challenge practice
- **We have one job to do..**

> Part of the problem, or part of the solution?

- Representation of white colleagues in senior roles cannot be explained by coincidence alone
- Poverty of opportunity can only be addressed if recognised as ‘a thing’
- Reverse mentoring is a great leveller
- Positive colleague engagement

> Part of the problem, or part of the solution?

- Others will look at what you do and copy it
- Your actions individually and as an organisation make a difference
- Promote different thinking
- Challenge perceptions
- Use your leadership role to shape new opportunities



How can we move forward?

- Colluder / Bystander / Challenger ?
- Giving people permission and a platform to speak their truth
- Reinforcing that their story matters
- Without naming it, we'll never solve it

“We are all part of the solution. In the space we call inclusion – **we all must change**, we are all different, we are all deeply interlinked”

Cherron Inko-Terriah MBE – The Power of Staff Networks

Thank you

