

Electronic Staff Record



Why we need good quality Equality, Diversity & Inclusion data.

Understanding ED&I data is your organisation's first step to understanding potential bias or barriers to inclusion as well as identifying actions to make improvements with the goal being to create a fairer and more inclusive NHS.

An inclusive culture improves retention, supporting you to grow your workforce, deliver the improvements to services set out in the NHS Long Term Plan, and reduce the costs of filling staffing gaps. If your organisation doesn't know who your staff are then you cannot set effective strategies and practices to improve services and experiences for both your staff and service users.

NHS employees are pivotal in ensuring their ED&I data is up to date and relevant. Improving data completeness and quality relies upon collaborative working between the organisation and its people. There needs to be individual and collective responsibility for data with an understanding of how data issues flow throughout an employee's employment cycle, the effects can be felt locally, regionally and nationally. It is the job of NHS leaders to ensure we deliver, taking an active role in ending all forms of discrimination, role-modelling inclusive behaviours and creating an environment in which our workforce feel safe and empowered. But everybody has a role to play supporting, encouraging and promoting inclusion.

NHS ED&I Improvement Plan

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Use the data, analyse it, report on it and evaluate it!

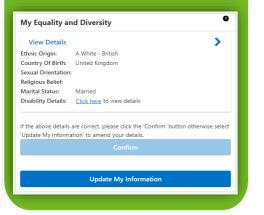
Recording ED&I data in ESR

Applicant Dashboard

Prior to their start date, a new employee can check their ED&I details in the ESR Applicant Dashboard via the "My Equality and Diversity" portlet.

This ensures that the correct ED&I data is held for the new employee from their first day.

Giving access to an employee at the applicant stage can improve data completeness and data quality.



ESR automatically prompts employees to view and, if required, update their personal and equality and diversity information.

The Personal Details and the Equality and Diversity Portlets indicator changes colour, dependant on the length of time since the employee last updated or verified their information.

In addition, an employee will receive a notification to remind them to check their data.



When an Applicant is made an Employee on ESR (or an Employee is directly hired), they have access to their record via their Employee Dashboard.

Any information entered or learning completed via the Applicant Dashboard transfers to their Employee Dashboard. This ensures consistency, removes duplication and empowers employees to own their data.

My Equality and Diversity	ø
View Details	>
Ethnic Origin:	
Country Of Birth:	
Sexual Orientation:	
Religious Belief:	
Marital Status:	

Update My Information

Protected Characteristics in ESR

The following protected characteristics can be updated directly by an employee in ESR.

It is the employee's responsibility to ensure this information is up to date and recorded correctly.

- → Race
- \bigcirc Sexual Orientation
- \bigcirc Religious Belief
- \bigcirc Disability
- → Gender
- → Marital Status *
- * Requires manager approval





Reporting ED&I data in ESR

WRES data continues to be an important tool to inform actions at national, regional and local level to reduce disparities and inequalities. We must continue to be curious about the data and bold in our efforts to create positive change so that all our colleagues from BME backgrounds have an equal and positive experience at work.

Amanda Pritchard, CEO – NHS England

ESR Reporting – Business Intelligence

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ESR Business Intelligence provides easier Board Reporting and has up to date workforce-related data that imports easily to your Workforce Board Report.

The workforce profile dashboard is designed to provide intelligence on the profile of an organisation's workforce. This includes:

- Equality and Diversity
- Workforce Race Equality Standard (WRES)
- Workforce Disability Equality Standard (WDES)





The NHS Long Term Workforce Plan focuses on the future size, shape, mix and number of staff needed in all parts of the country to deliver high quality and productive care in the future. To meet these ambitions, we must improve the experience of our workforce, thereby improving retention and attracting new talent drawn from the widest pool to the NHS.

Dr Navina Evans CBE, Chief Workforce, Training and Education Officer, NHS England



⊖ ESR Reporting – Bridging The Gap

ESR Business Intelligence reports enable organisations to understand inequalities in pay with several "pay gap" analysis available.

These are available on the National Returns BI Dashboard and include:

- Gender Pay Gap
- Gender Pay Gap Bonus
- Ethnicity Pay Gap
- Ethnicity Pay Gap Bonus

Ethnic Origin		Employees Paid B	onus	Total Relevant En	ployees	96	
A White - British			19.00		1388.00	1.37	
B White - Irish			2.00		20.00	10.00	
C White - Any other Wh	ite background				33.00		
C2 White Northern Irish					1.00		
C3 White Unspecified					1.00		
CA White English			1.00		10.00	10.00	
CB White Scottish					5.00		
CC White Welsh	Employee Nan	e Employee Number	Ethnie	: Origin	Ethnic Orie	gin Grouping	Pay Valu
CD White Cornish	Blogs Mt Joe	12345628	H Asla	n or Asian British - Indian			£5.001.0
CX White Mixed	Blogs, Mr. Joef	23456789	AWhi	a - Drilish	While Britis	h	£3,333.
	Blogs, Mr. Joe2	34567891	AWhit	e - British	White Britis	h	£11,946.
	Blogs, Mr. Joe3	456/8910	AWhit	e - British	White Britis	h	18,3353
	Blogs, Mt. Joe4	56789101	B Whit	e - liikh	While Other		£11,658.
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The Employee Relations BI reports can also be used to identify bias in the areas of gender, ethnicity, age and disability.

Culture is a difficult thing to visualise. It is more than just the physical appearance of your organisation – in terms of gender, race and age etc. It is also about the sometimes less visible elements of who we are such as religion, sexual orientation, disability etc. And it is also about who gets hired / promoted / paid most. ESR can tell you all of things – and help you to paint the picture of what your organisational culture is really like.

Paul Deemer, Head of Diversity and Inclusion at NHS Employers

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Supporting national policies



→ National Policies

ED&I Data held in ESR is used at local, regional and national levels to aid national policy and workforce planning.

It is important that organisations accurately record data for both completeness and data quality.

Encouraging and empowering employees to manage their data directly in ESR selfservice will improve overall ED&I data.

Key areas that use data in ESR include:

- WRES WRES data continues to be an important tool to inform actions at national, regional and local level to reduce disparities and inequalities.
- WDES The workforce Disability Equality Standards mandates NHS employers to report and publish annual data on the workplace and career experiences of disabled staff and is the only example of its kind in the UK

NHS ED&I Improvement Plan

This improvement plan sets out targeted actions to address the prejudice and discrimination – direct and indirect – that exists through behaviour, policies, practices and cultures against certain groups and individuals across the NHS workforce.

It prioritises the six high impact actions to address the widely-known intersectional impacts of discrimination and bias.

The six high impact actions from the NHS ED&I Improvement Plan



Measurable objectives on EDI for Chairs, Chief Executives and Board members



Overhaul recruitment processes and embed talent management processes



Develop and implement an improvement plan to eliminate pay gaps.



Address Health Inequalities within their workforce



Comprehensive Induction and onboarding programme for International recruited staff



Eliminate conditions and environment in which bullying, harassment and physical harassment occurs



Reliable, consistent and timely data is crucial to effective progress.

The NHS ED&I Improvement plan





Would you like to discuss further?

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