

Monitoring form

The Government has a policy of equality of opportunity for those wishing to serve in public appointments. That means that applications are welcome from all suitable individuals irrespective of, for example, race, gender or disability. To ensure that we are complying with this policy, applicants are asked to complete the questions below.

You can choose not to provide this data. All the information you provide in the form will be treated as strictly confidential. It will be detached from your application and will not be used in the selection process. This information will be used for statistical purposes only and it will be presented in the form of totals from which individuals cannot be separately identified.

Age:

What was your age group at your last birthday?

- 20-24
- 25-34
- 35-44
- 45-54
- 55-64
- 65-74
- 75-84
- I'd prefer not to say

Gender:

What best describes your gender?

- Male Female I describe myself as:
- Prefer not to say

Disability:

Do you consider yourself disabled?

Yes No Prefer not to say

If yes, please complete the assistance questionnaire as part of your application.

Nationality and ethnicity:

Which groups do you most identify with? Please tick only **ONE** box in **column A** and **ONE** box in **column B** (The options are listed alphabetically).

Column A

- (A) British or Mixed British
- (B) English
- (C) Irish
- (D) Scottish
- (E) Welsh
- (F) Or any other? Specify if you wish:

Column B

Asian

- (A) Bangladeshi
- (B) Indian
- (C) Pakistani
- (D) Chinese
- (E) Any other Asian background. Specify if you wish:

Black

- (A) African
- (B) Carribean
- (C) Any other Black background. Specify if you wish:

Mixed ethnic background

- (A) Asian and white
- (B) Black African and White
- (C) Black Carribean and White
- (D) Any other Mixed ethnic background. Specify if you wish:

White

- (A) Any White background. Specify if you wish:

Any other Ethnic background

- (A) Any other Ethnic background. Specify if you wish:

Guidance on recording whether or not you have a disability

We are aware that answering questions about disability is sometimes not simple.

We ask all applicants to public appointments to complete a diversity monitoring form, which includes questions about disability. We hope you will help us by providing this information. This will allow us to see if there are any unfair barriers to becoming a public appointee and whether there are any changes we could make to encourage disabled candidates to apply

To help you, please consider the following list of conditions. People with many health conditions (including but not limited to those listed below) often find that society puts up barriers, or has negative attitudes that prevent them from being able to fully participate in society.

We would suggest that you could answer “yes” to the disability question in the diversity monitoring form if you have one, or more, of the following which have or are likely to last for 12 months or more:

- Sensory impairments, such as those affecting hearing or sight (that cannot be corrected with glasses)

- Specific conditions that affect particular organs of the body, including respiratory conditions, such as asthma, and cardiovascular diseases, including thrombosis, stroke and heart disease
- Neurological learning differences, such as autistic spectrum disorders (ASD), dyslexia and dyspraxia
- Cancer
- HIV/AIDs
- Multiple Sclerosis
- Learning disabilities
- Mental health conditions such as anxiety, low mood, panic attacks, phobias, or unshared perceptions; eating disorders; bipolar affective disorders; obsessive compulsive disorders; personality disorders; post traumatic stress disorder; depression and schizophrenia
- Impairments due to an accident/injury to parts of the body, including to the brain
- Fluctuating health conditions such as rheumatoid arthritis, myalgic encephalomyelitis (ME)/chronic fatigue syndrome (CFS), fibromyalgia and epilepsy
- Progressive health conditions such as motor neurone disease, muscular dystrophy and forms of dementia (including Alzheimer's disease)
- Auto-immune conditions such as systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE)

This list is closely based on the Equality Act 2010 Guidance issued by the Office for Disability Issues which provides additional information on each aspect of the Equality Act 2010's definition of disability.

If you are still unsure how to answer the question of whether you should say you are a disabled person on this form, thinking through the points below might help.

- If you were not taking medication, using a hearing aid, using a prosthetic limb/wheelchair, having counselling, etc, would you still be able to carry out your usual daily/regular activities?

If you would be unable to undertake your usual activities, then please indicate you are a disabled person on this form.

It may also be useful for you to consider the legal definition that is used by the Equality Act 2010. Under this Act you are disabled if you have a physical or mental impairment that has a substantial or long term effect on your ability to do normal activities.

For example:

- Substantial – It takes much longer than it usually would to complete a daily task such as getting dressed;
- Long term – An impairment that has lasted or will last for more than 12 months;
- Normal activities – Things people do on a regular or daily basis. Including shopping, reading and writing, having a conversation or using the telephone, watching television and general work-related activities such as interacting with colleagues, following instructions, using a computer, driving, carrying out interviews, preparing written documents, and keeping to a timetable or a shift pattern.

So, someone who is in plaster and using crutches because they have broken an ankle is unlikely to be able to carry out some of their usual daily activities, but they would not be considered a disabled person under the Equality Act because they will only be affected for a short period of time whilst their bone heals.

If you have a short term injury, or a health condition that is not substantial/long term we suggest you answer this question by stating that you do not have a disability.

As with all the information you provide in the first section of the diversity monitoring form when applying for public appointments, any information you provide will be treated as strictly confidential. It will be detached from your application and will not be used in the selection process. No information will be published or used in any way which allows any individual to be identified.

Completing the form is encouraged but you are free to select the “Prefer not to say” option if you wish for any of the questions.