

# HCPC Diversity Data Report 2021: operating department practitioners

## Introduction

The Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) aims to be recognised as an organisation that actively upholds and promotes best practice in equality, diversity and inclusion. Improving the quantity and quality of our diversity data is an important step towards achieving this aim.

Between December 2020 and March 2021, we collected diversity data in a voluntary survey from 51,710 registrants across 15 health and care professions. This represents 18% of the HCPC Register and a three-fold increase in responses as compared with the 2019/20 survey.

This factsheet provides the key EDI information for the operating department practitioners and how the demographics of this group compare to the demographics of HCPC registrants overall.



Profession:  
operating department  
practitioners



Total registered operating  
department practitioners:  
14,464<sup>1</sup>



Total number of operating  
department practitioners who  
responded to the survey:  
2,850

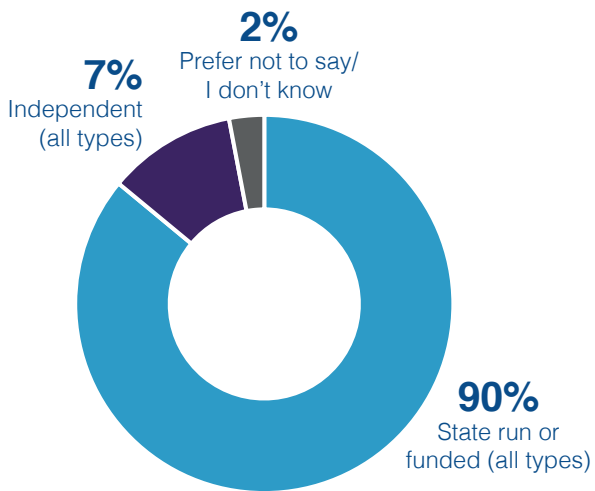
## Key findings

- Joint highest percentage (90%) of registrants who went to state funded educational institutions.
- Highest percentage (90%) of registrants who work in England; lowest percentage of registrants who work in Northern Ireland (0%).
- Second highest percentage (78%) of registrants who stated that 'NHS Acute/ hospital/ secondary care' was their primary work setting.
- Lowest percentage (18%) of registrants who had parents/guardians who gained a form of higher education qualification.

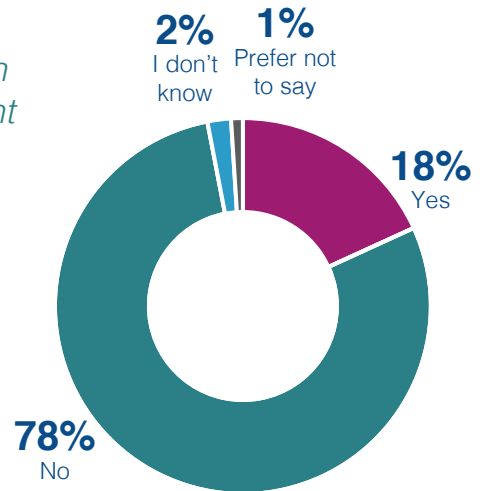
1. Total taken from age group data.

# Operating department practitioners - Key findings

## Education



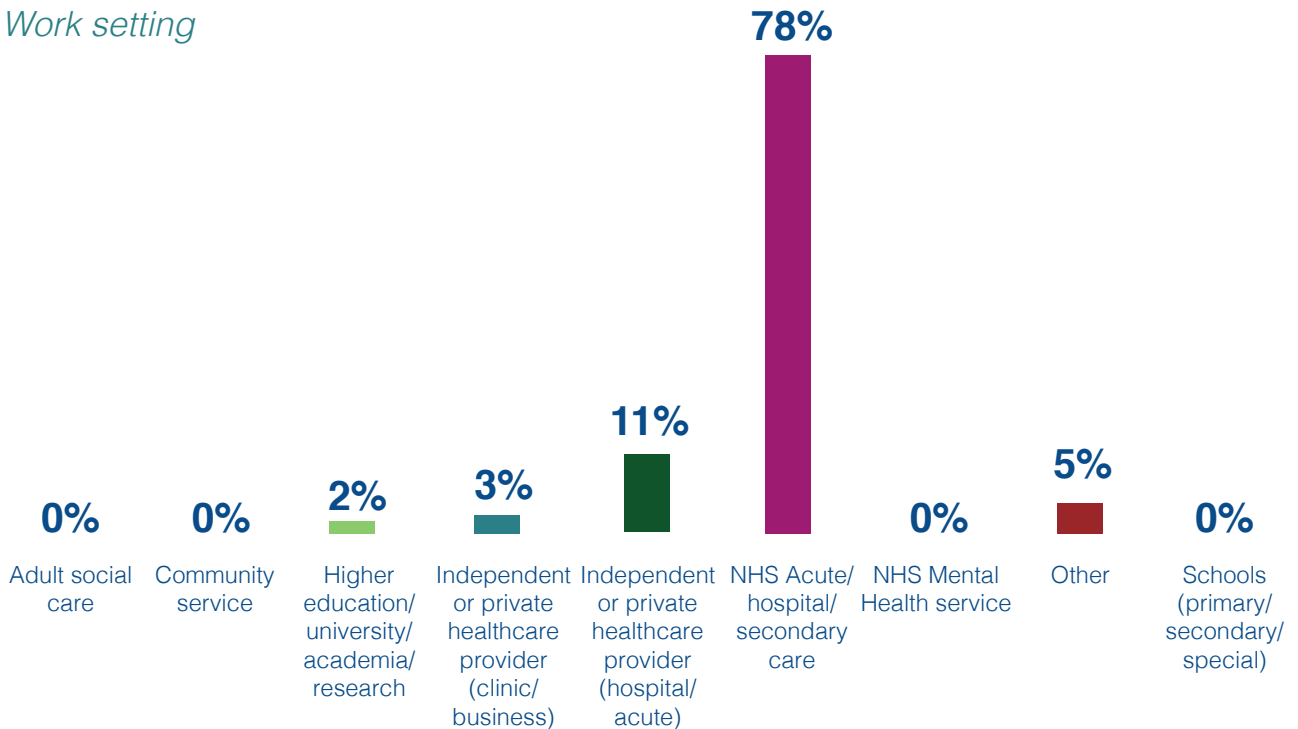
## Parental or guardian education attainment



## Country of work



## Work setting



## Age

Count and proportion of respondents by age group:

	Under 25		25-34 years		35-44 years		45-54 years		55-64 years		65 and over		Average age
	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	
<b>Operating department practitioners</b>	458	3	3,293	23	3,791	26	4,124	29	2,524	17	274	2	44
<b>All professions</b>	11,853	4	78,796	27	84,390	29	65,492	23	40,694	14	7,956	3	42

## Disability

Count and proportion of respondents by disability:

	Disabled		Not disabled		Prefer not to say	
	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
<b>Operating department practitioners</b>	231	8	2,565	90	49	2
<b>All professions</b>	41,88	8	47,005	91	523	1

## Ethnicity

Count and proportion of respondents by ethnic origin:

	Asian		Black		Mixed		White		Other		Prefer not to say	
	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
<b>Operating department practitioners</b>	168	6	158	6	63	2	2,372	83	37	1	47	2
<b>All professions</b>	3,993	8	2,368	5	1,245	2	42,755	83	890	2	458	1

## Gender

Count and proportion of respondents by gender:

	Woman		Man		Other		Prefer not to say	
	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
<b>Operating department practitioners</b>	1,698	60	1,122	39	9	0	16	1
<b>All professions</b>	39,146	76	12,175	24	174	0	226	0

Count and proportion of responses to “Do you consider yourself to fall under the protected characteristic of ‘pregnancy & maternity’, as per the Equality Act 2010?”

	Yes		No		Prefer not to say	
	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
<b>Operating department practitioners</b>	142	5	2,664	94	39	1
<b>All professions</b>	3,098	6	48,088	93	529	1

## Religion

Count and proportion of respondents by religion or belief:

	Buddhist	Christian	Hindu	Jewish	Muslim	No religion	Other	Sikh	Spiritual	Prefer not to say
<b>Operating department practitioners</b>	1%	44%	1%	0%	3%	42%	3%	0%	3%	3%
<b>All professions</b>	1%	44%	2%	1%	3%	39%	3%	1%	4%	3%

## Sexual orientation

Count and proportion of respondents by sexual orientation:

	Lesbian, Gay or Queer (LGQ) <sup>2</sup>		Heterosexual		Other		Prefer not to say	
	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
<b>Operating department practitioners</b>	129	5	2,591	91	69	2	56	2
<b>All professions</b>	2,254	4	46,558	90	1,804	3	1,094	2

## Caring responsibilities

Count and proportion of respondents by caring responsibility:

	Yes		No		Prefer not to say	
	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
<b>Operating department practitioners</b>	917	32	1,883	66	45	2
<b>All professions</b>	18,351	35	32,746	63	617	1

## Country of work

Count and proportion of respondents by country of work:

	England		Northern Ireland		Scotland		Wales		Other	
	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
<b>Operating department practitioners</b>	2,550	90	10	1	122	4	120	4	43	2
<b>All professions</b>	42,169	82	1,348	3	3,798	7	2,302	4	2,093	4

2. The term "LGQ" is used throughout the report to represent the categories: Gay Man, Gay woman/lesbian, Queer, and Prefer to self describe (where gay or queer or lesbian was indicated). This was used to ensure data remain unidentifiable, particularly where small cell counts were noted.

## Work setting

Proportion of respondents by primary work setting:

Work Setting	Operating department practitioners	All professions
Adult social care	0%	2%
Community service	0%	9%
Higher education/university/academia/research	2%	3%
Independent or private healthcare provider (clinic/business)	3%	11%
Independent or private healthcare provider (hospital/acute)	11%	3%
NHS Acute/ hospital/ secondary care	78%	35%
NHS Mental Health service	0%	6%
Other	5%	10%
Schools (primary/secondary/special)	0%	4%

Count and proportion of respondents by work pattern:

	Full-time		Part-time		Flexible hours/ Zero Hour		Not currently working		Prefer not to say	
	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
<b>Operating department practitioners</b>	2,059	72	564	20	170	6	33	1	19	1
<b>All professions</b>	32,236	62	15,825	31	2,126	4	1,200	2	332	1

## Education

Count and proportion of respondents by type of schooling:

	State run or funded (all types)		Independent (all types)		Prefer not to say		I don't know	
	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
<b>Operating department practitioners</b>	2,550	90	208	7	52	2	35	1
<b>All professions</b>	42,523	82	7,931	15	761	1	504	1

### *Parental or guardian education attainment*

Count and proportion of responses to the question “when you were 18, had any of your parents or guardians completed a university degree course of equivalent (e.g., BA, BSC, or higher)?”

	Yes		No		I don't know		Prefer not to say	
	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
<b>Operating department practitioners</b>	526	18	2,216	78	69	2	34	1
<b>All professions</b>	17,949	35	32,719	63	639	1	409	1