

NCEA Trust Gender Pay Gap Report – March 2021

Introduction

The Board of Trustees of the Northumberland Church of England Academy Trust are committed to the promotion of equality of opportunity and choice for employees and advocates of fair and equal treatment of all staff irrespective of gender.

All posts within our organisation are aligned to nationally agreed pay scales and all support staff roles have been through a formal job evaluation process in conjunction with recognised unions.

Our Trust is committed to both flexible working and family friendly provision to support all our staff, regardless of gender.

Data

In line with requirements, our figures are as follows, using the **snapshot date of 31st March 2021**:

The Proportion of Males and Females in Each Quartile Bands				
Gender	Lower Quartile	Lower Middle Quartile	Upper Middle Quartile	Upper Quartile
Female	95.6%	86.7%	83.2%	77.9%
Male	4.4%	13.3%	16.8%	22.1%

Supporting Statement

- The Trust's Gender Pay Gap is a high level, non-adjusted indicator of male and female earnings affected by workforce distribution and workforce make-up;
- As the figures demonstrate, the majority of staff in the lowest quartiles are predominantly female therefore, the gap between the 'average' female hourly rate of pay and the 'average' male hourly rate of pay is affected; this is predominantly a result of a historical imbalance in the education sector and inherited within schools, where a disproportionate number of lower paid support staff roles are occupied by female colleagues;
- Our figures show females outnumber males in the upper quartile and the upper middle quartile, demonstrating a higher percentage of females in senior positions within the Trust;
- The overall gender pay gap reflects workforce composition rather than pay inequalities.

How are we supporting gender equality in the Trust?

- We continue to challenge wherever possible, the historical imbalance of the disproportionate number of lower paid support staff roles being occupied by female colleagues.

- We continue to further cultivate our flexible working culture, underpinned by supportive leadership and management teams, advice and policies.
- We are also committed to extending our professional development opportunities and programmes for all staff to enable all employees to realise their full potential and progress for promotion should they so choose.
- Underpinning all of our actions is the Trust's Equality and Diversity Policy which sets out our commitment to ensure that all people within the Trust, including pupils and staff, feel respected and valued and that recruitment and selection is open, transparent, fair and equal.

I confirm that the information published here has been prepared from our payroll data on the snapshot date and is an accurate representation of Gender Pay Gap information.

Tracey Cook

Director of HR