

Gender Pay Gap

From April 2018 Regulations require larger employers to analyse and report their Gender Pay Gap which involves calculating and comparing average rates of pay for male and female employees. **It is not a comparison of pay rates for men and women doing the same work, work rated as equivalent or work of equal value.** The Regulations apply to all organisations with 250 or more relevant employees as at 5th April 2017 and require a snapshot of the pay data at that date.

The key figures at the Royal Hospital School (RHS) for 5th April 2017 are shown in the table below:-

	Number		Mean	Median	Upper Quartile		Upper Middle Quartile		Lower Middle Quartile		Lower Quartile	
	Male	Female	Pay Gap %	Pay Gap %	Male %	Female %	Male %	Female %	Male %	Female %	Male %	Female %
Teachers	57	53	11.7	14.1	64.3	35.7	66.7	33.3	39.1	60.9	42.9	57.1
Support Staff	51	111	30.9	24.8	48.7	51.3	45.0	55.0	31.7	68.3	2.4	97.6
Whole School	108	164	33.4	65.8	64.7	35.3	41.2	58.8	41.2	58.8	11.8	88.2

At RHS the Gender Pay Gap reflects the average paid to men and women regardless of their specific roles and in order to better understand the headline figures we have set out the Gender Pay Gap relating to Teaching Staff and Support Staff separately.

Women make up the majority of our workforce (60%) and hold a significant proportion of senior positions, however 68% of our female employees work as Support Staff with 29% employed as cleaners and laundry staff attracting lower hourly pay rates and this materially impacts both the Mean and Median headline calculations. In many schools such activities are contracted out to external service providers and were that to be the case at RHS the Mean Pay Gap would be 13% and the Median Pay Gap would be 27% (and the number of employees would then fall below the 250 reporting threshold).

RHS is committed to treating all staff, male and female, equally when considering pay and conditions within job roles to ensure that all staff receive a fair and competitive rate of pay for the work which they do. Furthermore as part of our strategic aim of adopting a highly effective approach for recruiting, retaining, developing and rewarding our staff we regularly review our salary bandings for our teaching staff and benchmark pay for our support staff.

We aim to ensure that pay is set according to the complexity of the work being undertaken, regardless of gender, and we believe that our Gender Pay Gap is largely explained by the wide diversity of roles in our workforce and our decision to keep our cleaning and laundry staff in house rather than to outsource that work. However we also acknowledge that in some part it reflects societal and systemic trends which impact on women progressing to higher paid roles and in that respect the School will continue to be mindful of how future decisions relating to pay and conditions may impact on the Gender Pay Gap.

I confirm that the calculations are an accurate representation of our Gender Pay Gap as at 5th April 2017.

Anthony McNiff
Director of Finance and Operations