

Overview of Chiropractic Education

Chiropractic Programmes

1. There remain five education providers in the UK offering GCC recognised chiropractic degrees. These are:
 - AECC University College
 - London South Bank University
 - McTimoney College of Chiropractic
 - Teesside University
 - University of South Wales (Welsh Institute of Chiropractic)
2. At the time of reporting there were 1583 chiropractic students on approved programmes across all the years, a decrease of 75 students compared to the same time last year.

Setting and Maintaining Standards

3. Over the past year, the GCC has worked closely with our approved programme providers to support them with the implementation of the new Education Standards.
4. A team of Education Visitors was assigned to each provider and an 'Implementation and Recognition Plan' agreed with each. All full time chiropractic programmes will transition to the new Education Standards from September 2024, while part time programmes will transition from January 2025.
5. The AECC University College became the first provider to implement a programme aligned to the new Education Standards in January 2024 with their two year MSc Chiropractic (pre-registration) programme.

Annual Monitoring Reviews

6. Following a review of the annual monitoring self-assessment form in July 2023, the GCC required providers to report on student data around the Office for Students (OfS) B3 metrics for continuation, completion and progression to employment.
7. Encouragingly, all providers reported student continuation and completion data well above the OfS B3 metrics threshold. Additionally, where formal progression data was available, it also exceeded the OfS threshold.
8. The annual monitoring form tasked providers with detailing their approaches to promoting working collaboratively with other healthcare professionals and addressing the requirements of the new Education Standards of working in a multi-professional setting. Providers shared wide ranging examples of collaborative healthcare activities undertaken and future collaboration plans. The Education Committee commended institutions for their focus in this area

and the opportunities it afforded to their students. Highlights included providing musculoskeletal services to service users at a homeless charity, volunteering services at the London Marathon, collaborating with midwifery students at an infant feeding clinic, and developing a direct patient referral programme from local GPs.

9. The annual monitoring returns from providers for 2022/23 showed a decline in student enrolment numbers which mirrors the national trend.
10. Several reasons, including the impact of Brexit, Covid-19 and the rise in living expenses were cited as possible explanations for the decline. Providers are developing strategies to target students through enhanced marketing and engagement efforts.
11. As part of the annual monitoring process, the GCC also met with students from all recognised programme providers to discuss various issues.
12. For the second consecutive year, feedback from students was overwhelmingly positive. Current students shared examples of good practice and commended aspects of their programmes such as placement opportunities, clinical experiences and Summer Schools.
13. Importantly, all students reported that student support and pastoral care was clearly signposted and accessible.

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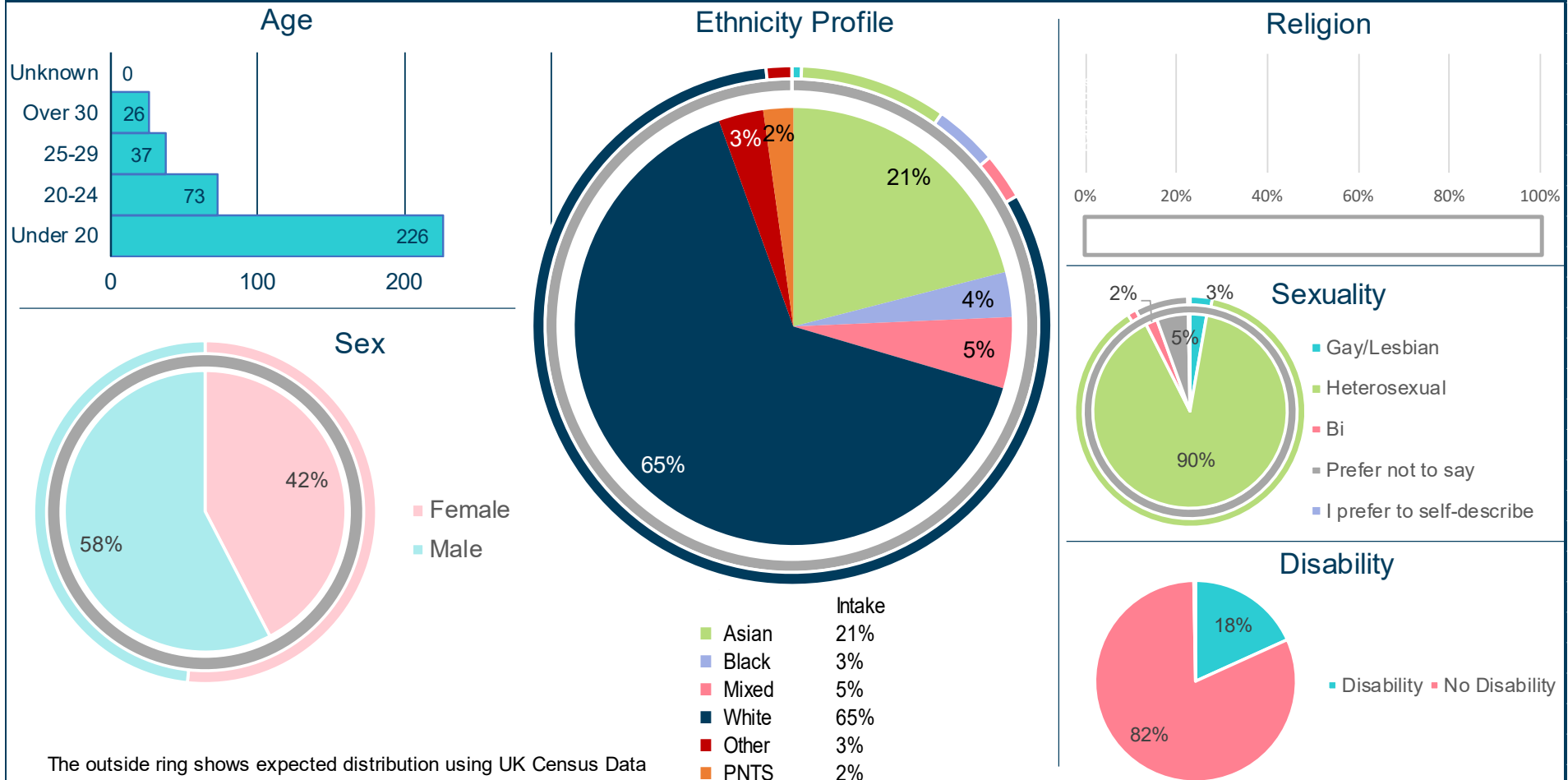
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Appendix A – Equality, Diversity and Inclusion characteristics of student intake

Diversity of Chiropractic Student Intake - 2022/23 Entry



Commentary and items of note:

Across the intake, Asian and Mixed Ethnicity individuals were over represented when compared to the UK population (in 21/22 they reflected UK population). Age, Sex, Sexuality, and Disability distributions all remained within two percentage points of the previous year's data. No religion/belief data was collected.