

Consultation on Future Options for Uckfield Leisure Centre: Summary report

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Black, African, Caribbean or Black British	17
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Any other Black, African or Caribbean background, please write that below:	17
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Mixed or Multiple ethnic groups	18
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Other ethnic group	19
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What is your name?

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There were **3289** responses to this part of the question.

What is your email address?

Email

There were **3255** responses to this part of the question.

What is your organisation?

Organisation

There were **1430** responses to this part of the question.

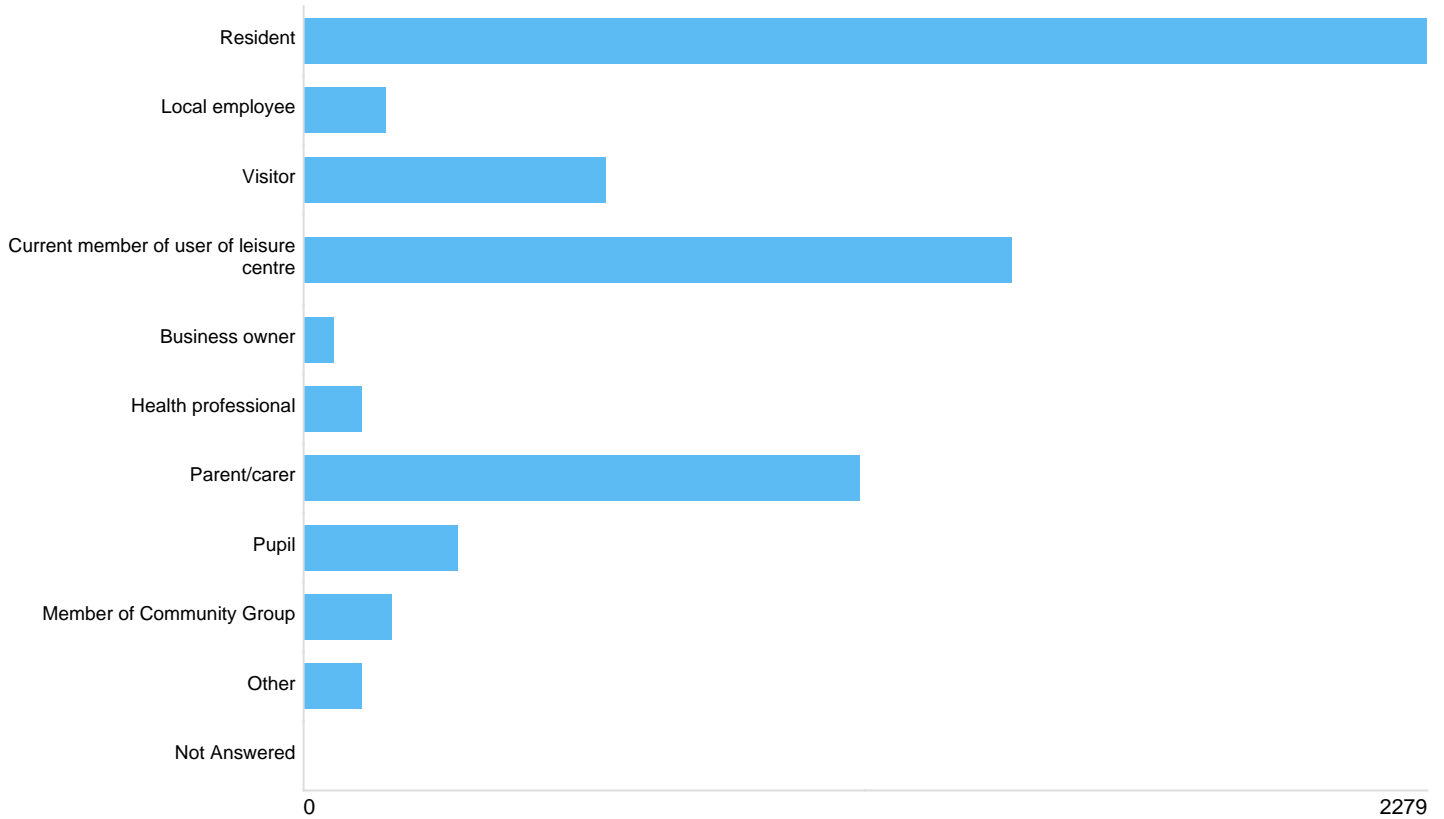
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There were **3252** responses to this part of the question.

Are you interested in this consultation as a....

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Option	Total	Percent
Resident	2279	68.94%
Local employee	164	4.96%
Visitor	609	18.42%
Current member of user of leisure centre	1432	43.32%
Business owner	57	1.72%
Health professional	117	3.54%
Parent/carer	1124	34.00%
Pupil	310	9.38%
Member of Community Group	175	5.29%
Other	115	3.48%
Not Answered	0	0.00%

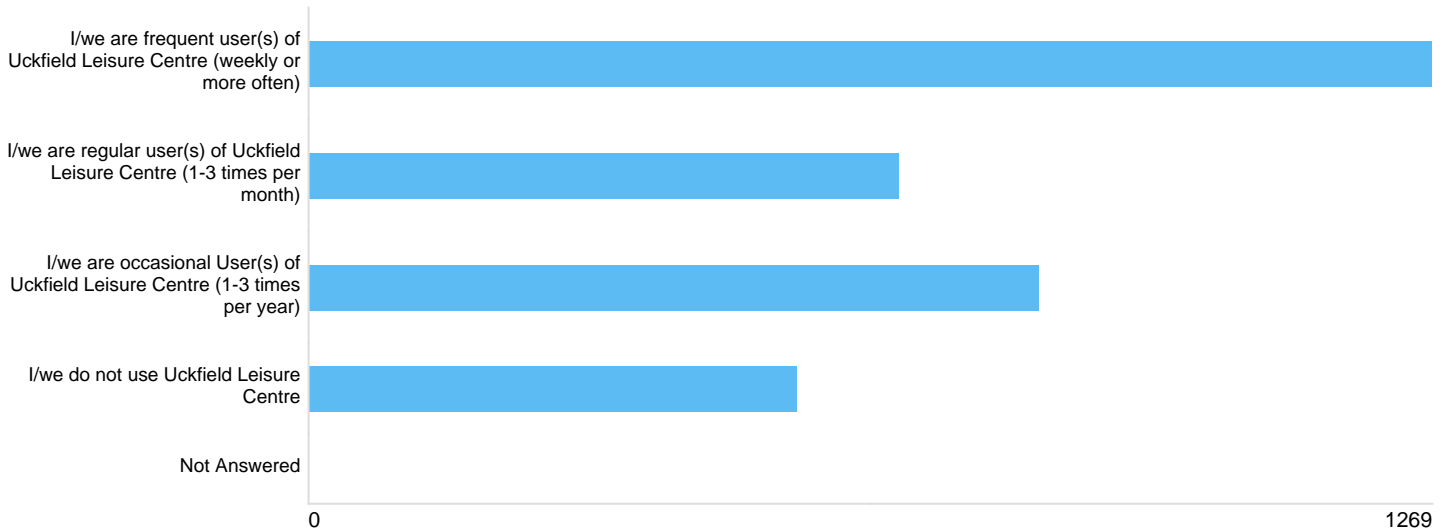
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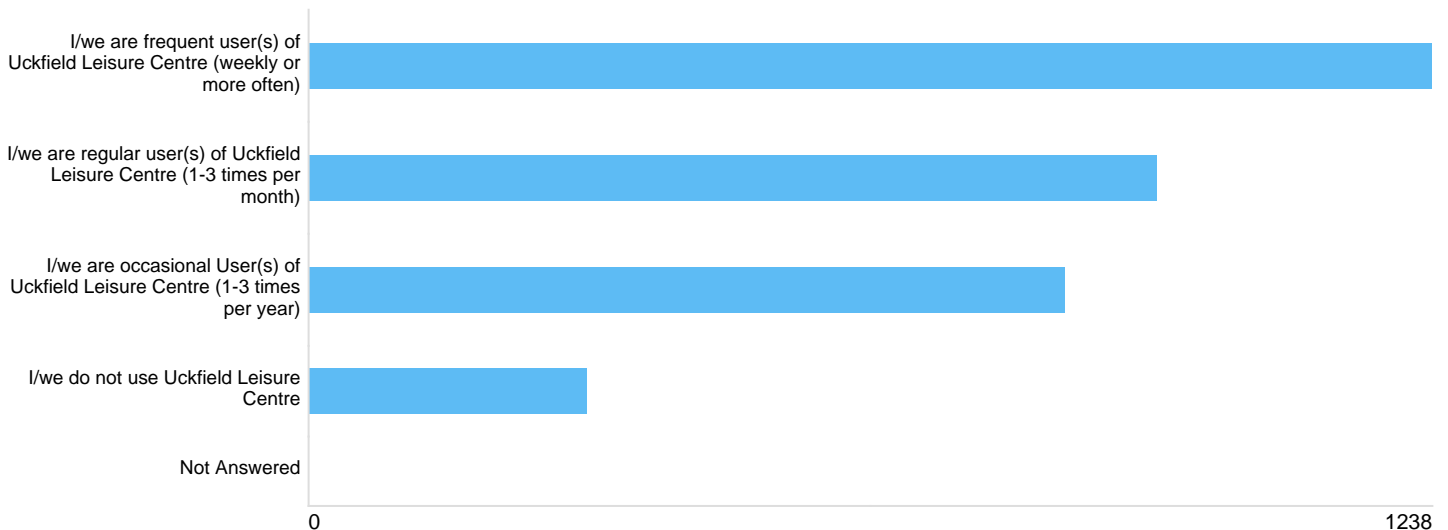
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Option	Total	Percent
I/we are frequent user(s) of Uckfield Leisure Centre (weekly or more often)	1269	38.38%
I/we are regular user(s) of Uckfield Leisure Centre (1-3 times per month)	665	20.11%
I/we are occasional User(s) of Uckfield Leisure Centre (1-3 times per year)	823	24.89%
I/we do not use Uckfield Leisure Centre	549	16.61%
Not Answered	0	0.00%

In reference to the WETSID facilities, which of the following apply? Please answer on behalf of yourself and any immediate family or household members.

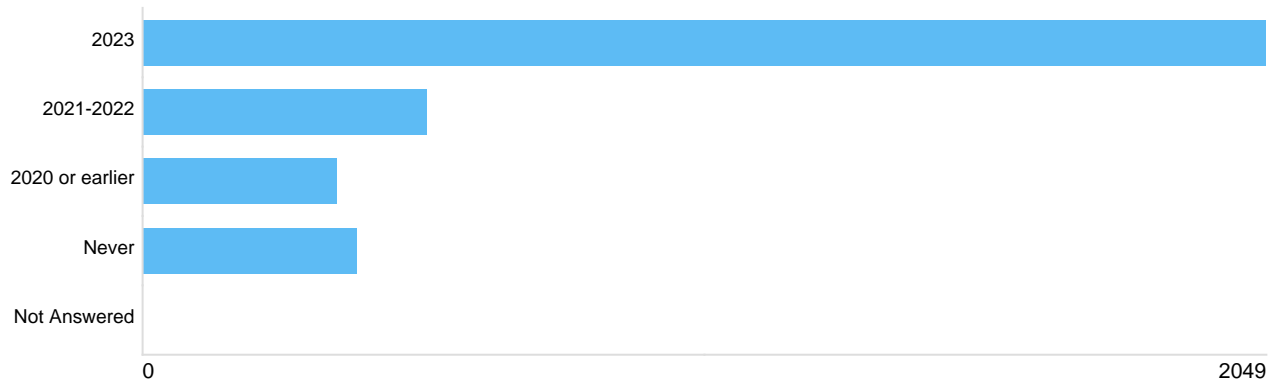
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I/we are frequent user(s) of Uckfield Leisure Centre (weekly or more often)	1238	37.45%
I/we are regular user(s) of Uckfield Leisure Centre (1-3 times per month)	932	28.19%
I/we are occasional User(s) of Uckfield Leisure Centre (1-3 times per year)	832	25.17%
I/we do not use Uckfield Leisure Centre	304	9.20%
Not Answered	0	0.00%

When did you last use the community DRYSIDE facilities within the Uckfield Leisure Centre? Please answer on behalf of yourself and any immediate family or household members.

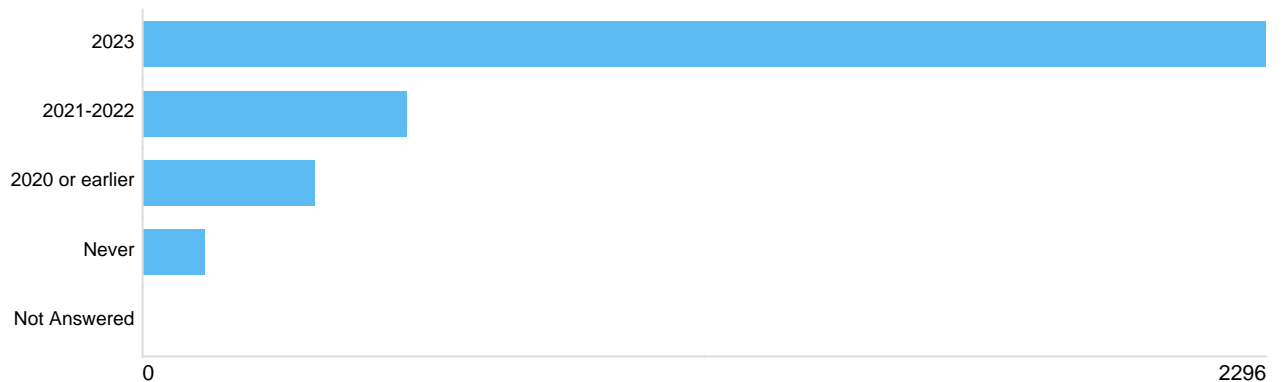
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Option	Total	Percent
2023	2049	61.98%
2021-2022	517	15.64%
2020 or earlier	353	10.68%
Never	387	11.71%
Not Answered	0	0.00%

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2023	2296	69.45%
2021-2022	536	16.21%
2020 or earlier	351	10.62%
Never	123	3.72%
Not Answered	0	0.00%

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Yes	655	19.81%
No	2651	80.19%
Not Answered	0	0.00%

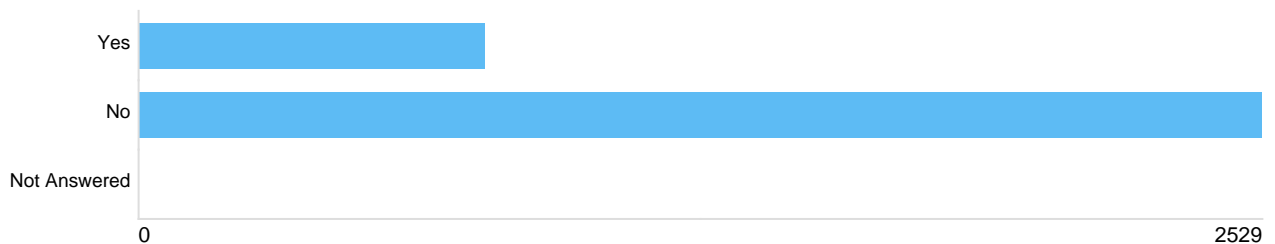
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Option	Total	Percent
Yes	777	23.50%
No	2529	76.50%
Not Answered	0	0.00%

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There were **806** responses to this part of the question.

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Yes	539	16.30%
No	2767	83.70%
Not Answered	0	0.00%

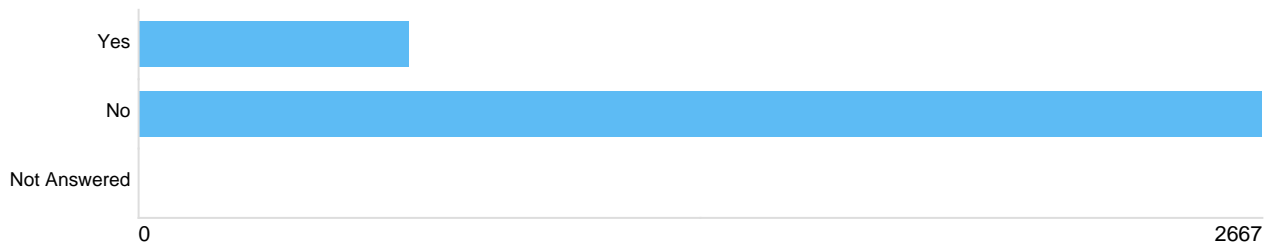
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Yes	639	19.33%
No	2667	80.67%
Not Answered	0	0.00%

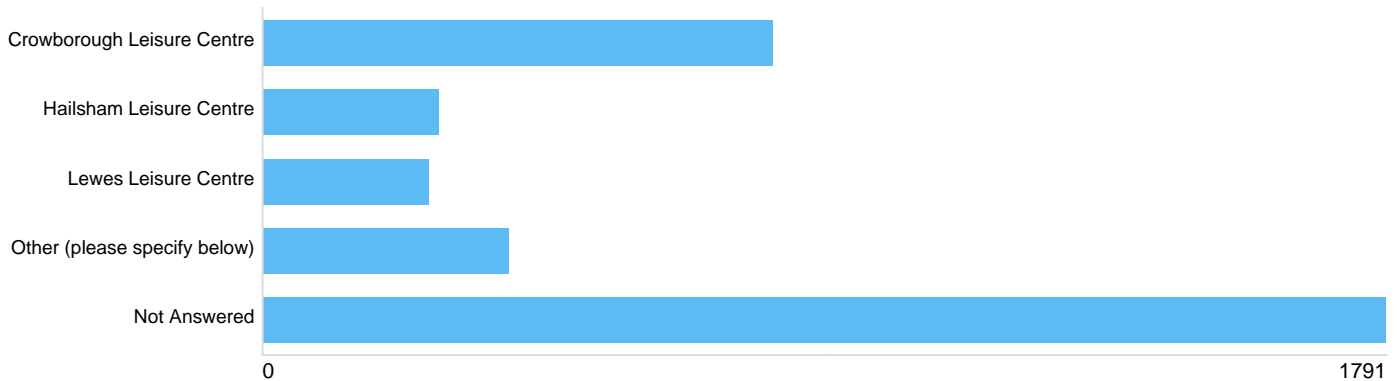
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There were 648 responses to this part of the question.

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Crowborough Leisure Centre	810	24.50%
Hailsham Leisure Centre	279	8.44%
Lewes Leisure Centre	263	7.96%
Other (please specify below)	389	11.77%
Not Answered	1791	54.17%

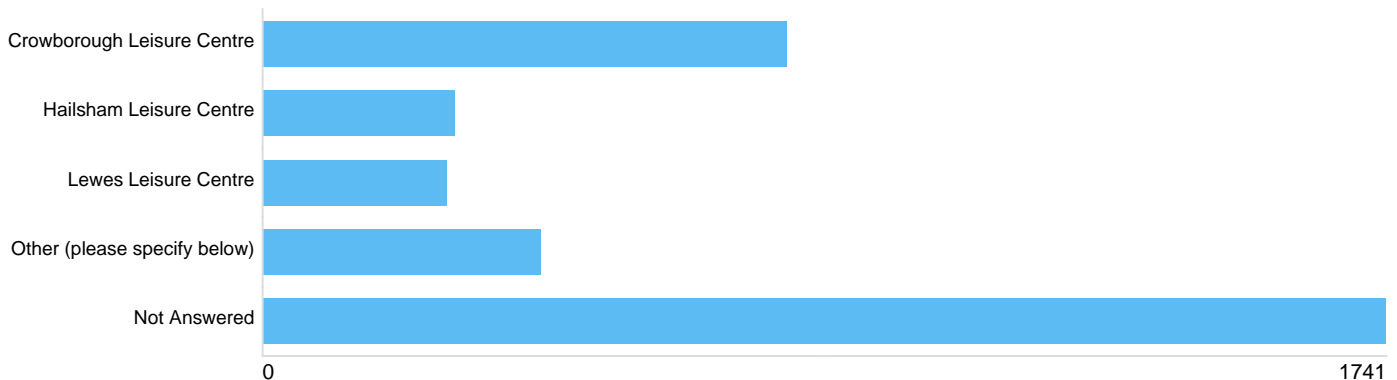
Other - please specify.

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There were 644 responses to this part of the question.

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Not Answered	1741	52.66%

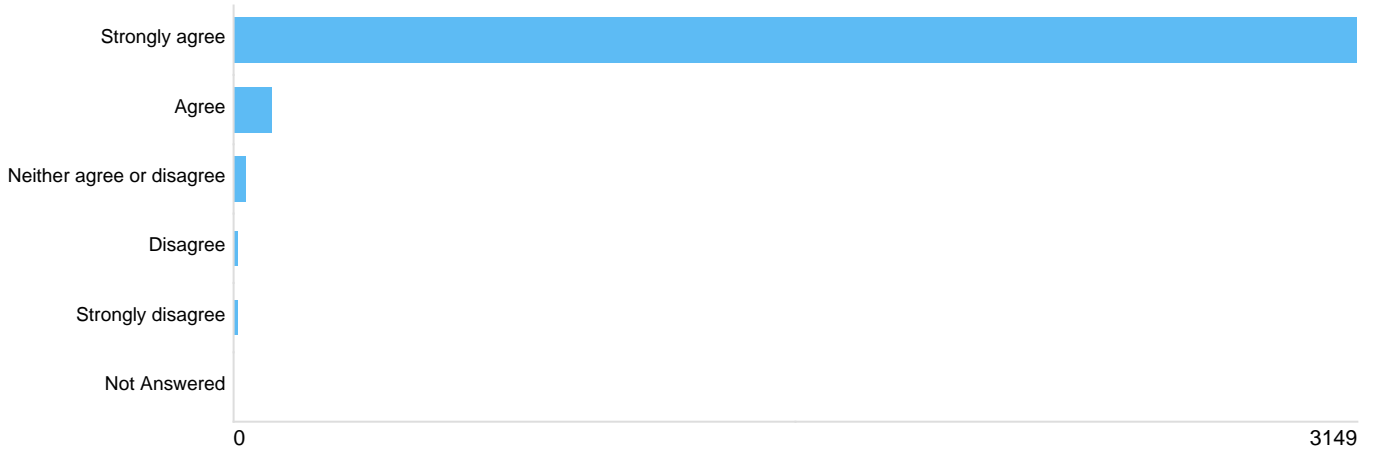
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There were 703 responses to this part of the question.

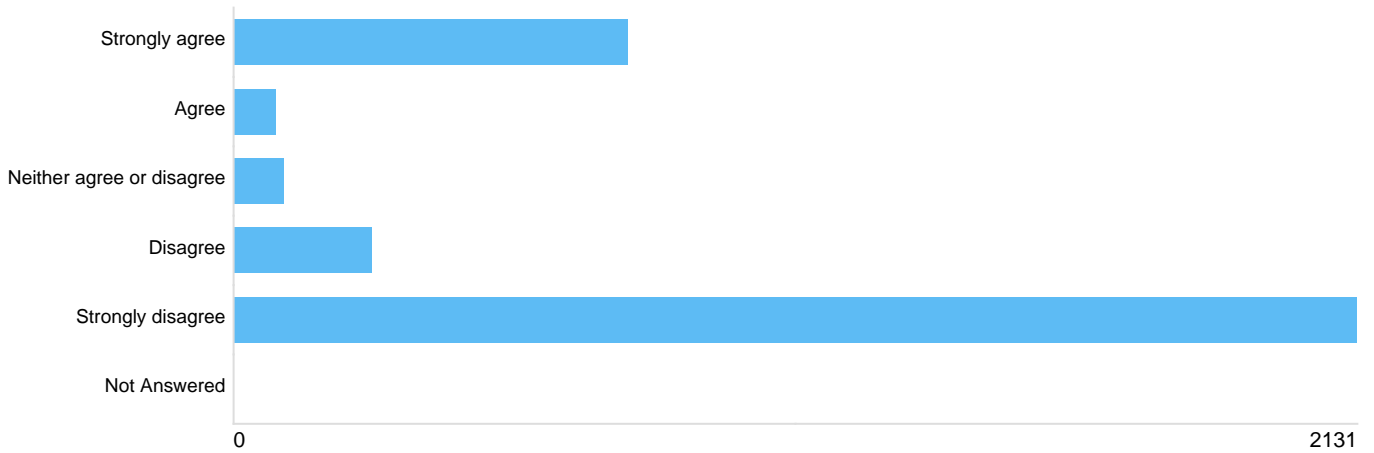
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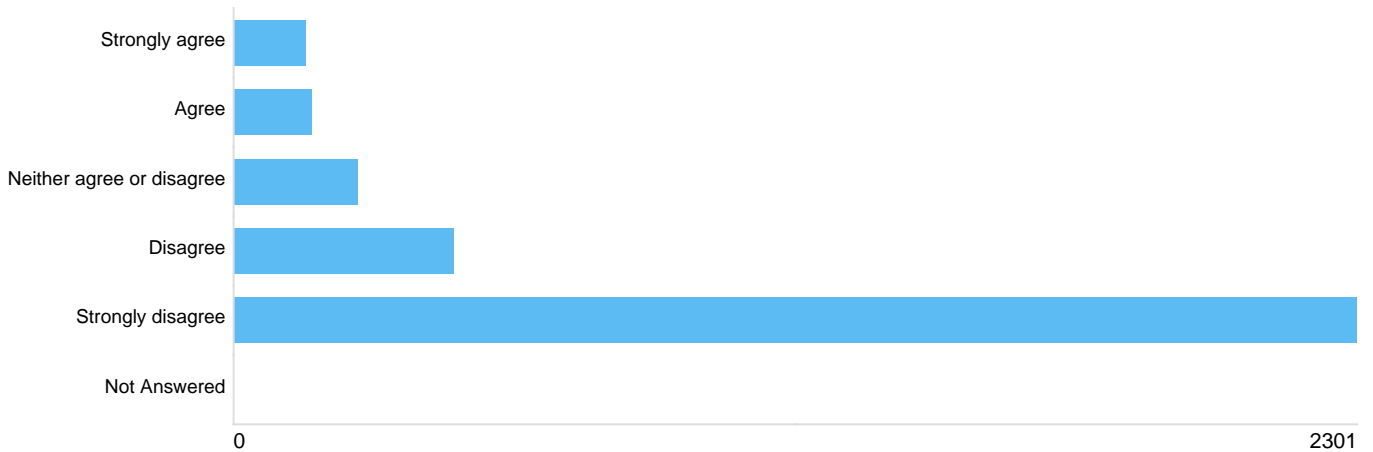
Option	Total	Percent
Strongly agree	3149	95.25%
Agree	105	3.18%
Neither agree or disagree	32	0.97%
Disagree	9	0.27%
Strongly disagree	11	0.33%
Not Answered	0	0.00%

In light of the information provided above, what is your view about the following options for the future of the Leisure Centre? - (b) keeping all dryside facilities at the Leisure Centre open for both the community and the College, but ending all wetside use;



Option	Total	Percent
Strongly agree	746	22.57%
Agree	76	2.30%
Neither agree or disagree	93	2.81%
Disagree	260	7.86%
Strongly disagree	2131	64.46%
Not Answered	0	0.00%

In light of the information provided above, what is your view about the following options for the future of the Leisure Centre? - (c) ending all dryside community use of the Leisure Centre, but keeping the wetside facilities open for usage by the College and the community;



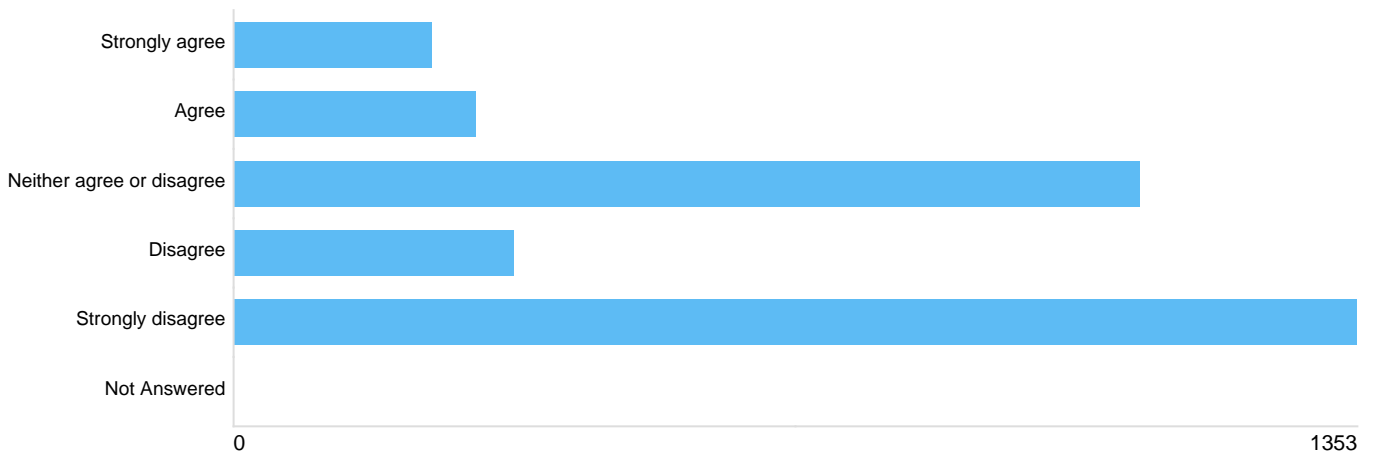
Option	Total	Percent
Strongly agree	147	4.45%
Agree	156	4.72%
Neither agree or disagree	253	7.65%
Disagree	449	13.58%
Strongly disagree	2301	69.60%
Not Answered	0	0.00%

In light of the information provided above, what is your view about the following options for the future of the Leisure Centre? - (d) ending all dryside community use of the Leisure Centre and closing the wetside facilities, so that only the dryside facilities will remain open but used solely by the College;



Option	Total	Percent
Strongly agree	57	1.72%
Agree	35	1.06%
Neither agree or disagree	101	3.06%
Disagree	291	8.80%
Strongly disagree	2822	85.36%
Not Answered	0	0.00%

In light of the information provided above, what is your view about the following options for the future of the Leisure Centre? - (e) considering alternative operating models consistent with the existing College use. (Strongly Agree / Agree / Neither Agree or Disagree / Disagree / Strongly Disagree)



Option	Total	Percent
Strongly agree	238	7.20%
Agree	290	8.77%
Neither agree or disagree	1089	32.94%
Disagree	336	10.16%
Strongly disagree	1353	40.93%
Not Answered	0	0.00%

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There were **2312** responses to this part of the question.

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There were **1014** responses to this part of the question.

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There were **1503** responses to this part of the question.

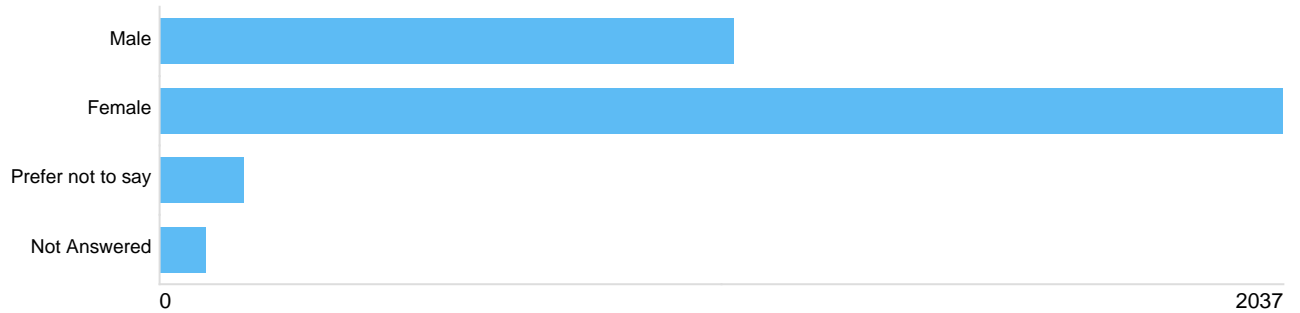
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There were **949** responses to this part of the question.

What is your sex?

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Option	Total	Percent
Male	1037	31.37%
Female	2037	61.62%
Prefer not to say	151	4.57%
Not Answered	81	2.45%

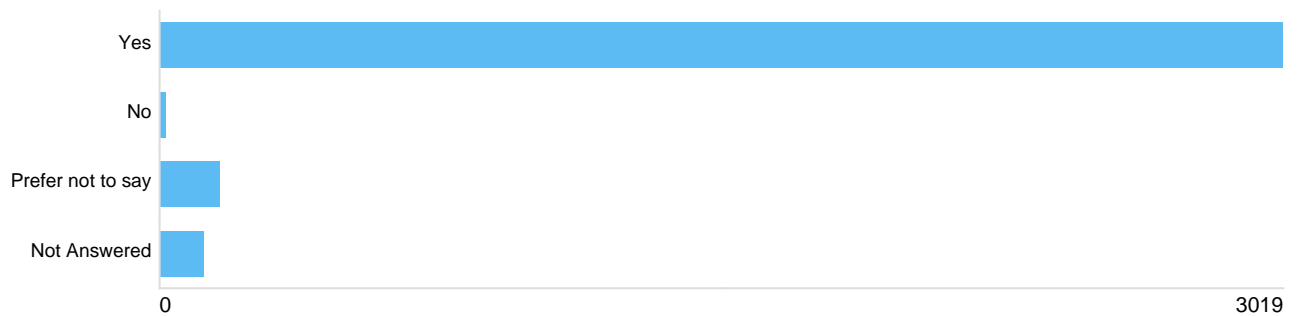
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There were **73** responses to this part of the question.

Is the gender you identify with the same as your sex registered at birth?

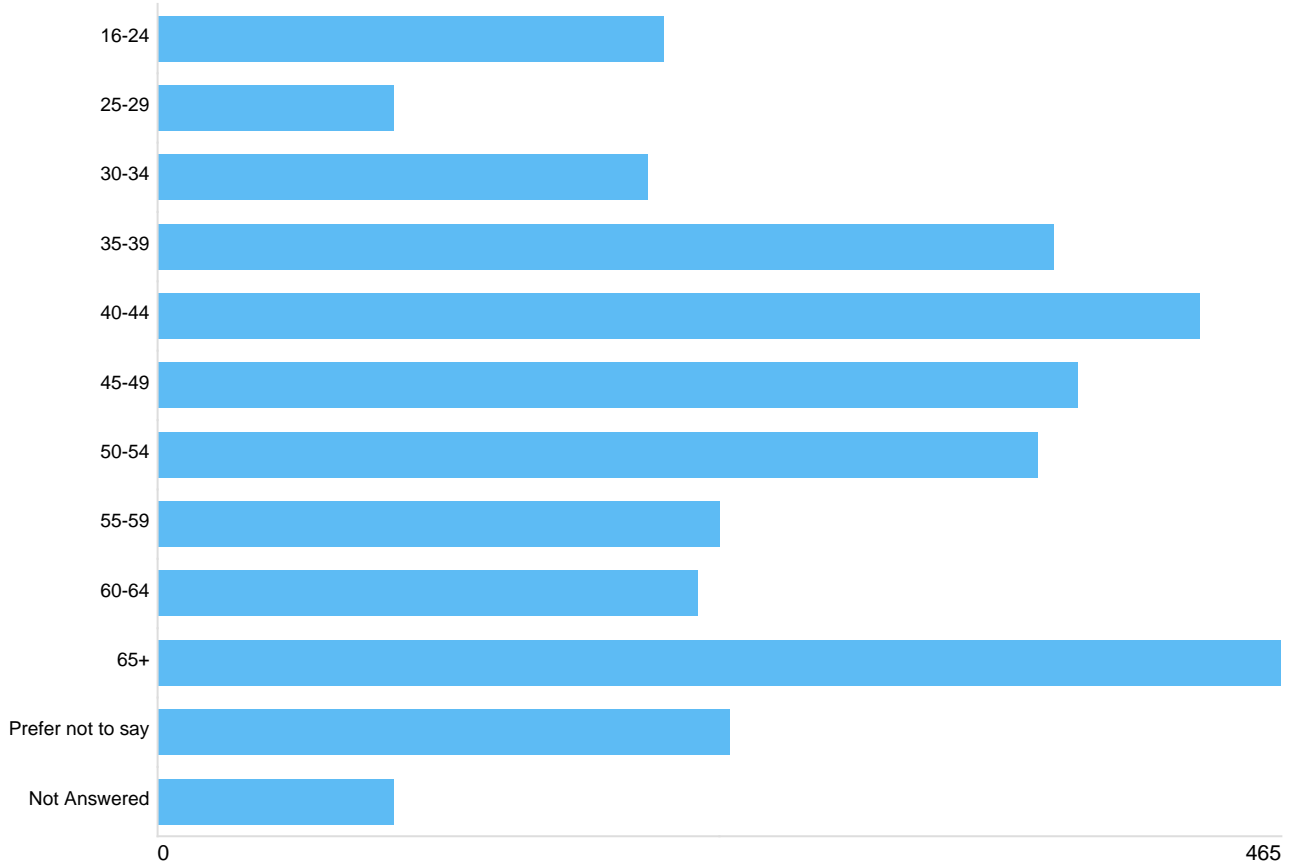
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Option	Total	Percent
Yes	3019	91.32%
No	12	0.36%
Prefer not to say	160	4.84%
Not Answered	115	3.48%

What is your age?

What is your age?



Option	Total	Percent
16-24	209	6.32%
25-29	97	2.93%
30-34	202	6.11%
35-39	370	11.19%
40-44	431	13.04%
45-49	380	11.49%
50-54	364	11.01%
55-59	232	7.02%
60-64	223	6.75%
65+	465	14.07%
Prefer not to say	236	7.14%
Not Answered	97	2.93%

Do you consider yourself to be disabled?

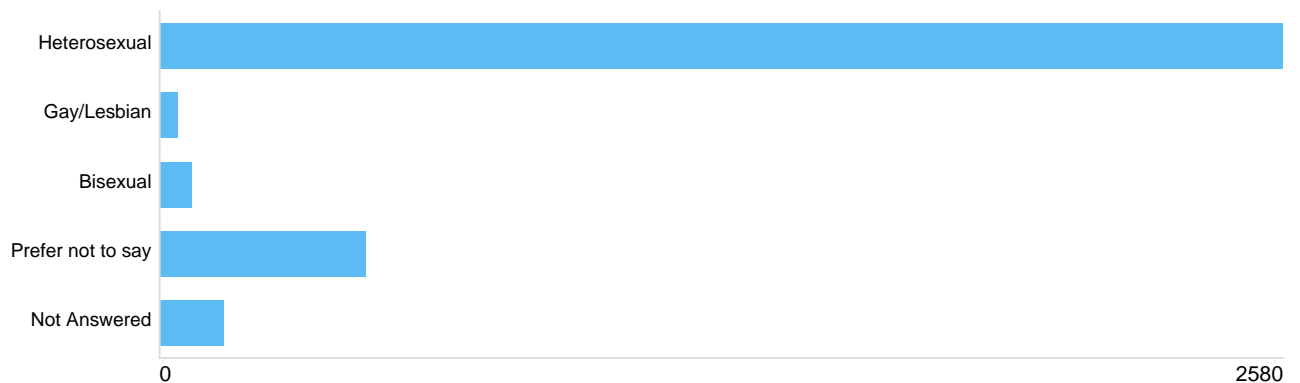
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Option	Total	Percent
Yes	203	6.14%
No	2834	85.72%
Prefer not to say	162	4.90%
Not Answered	107	3.24%

What is your sexual orientation?

What is your sexual orientation?



Option	Total	Percent
Heterosexual	2580	78.04%
Gay/Lesbian	38	1.15%
Bisexual	73	2.21%
Prefer not to say	472	14.28%
Not Answered	143	4.33%

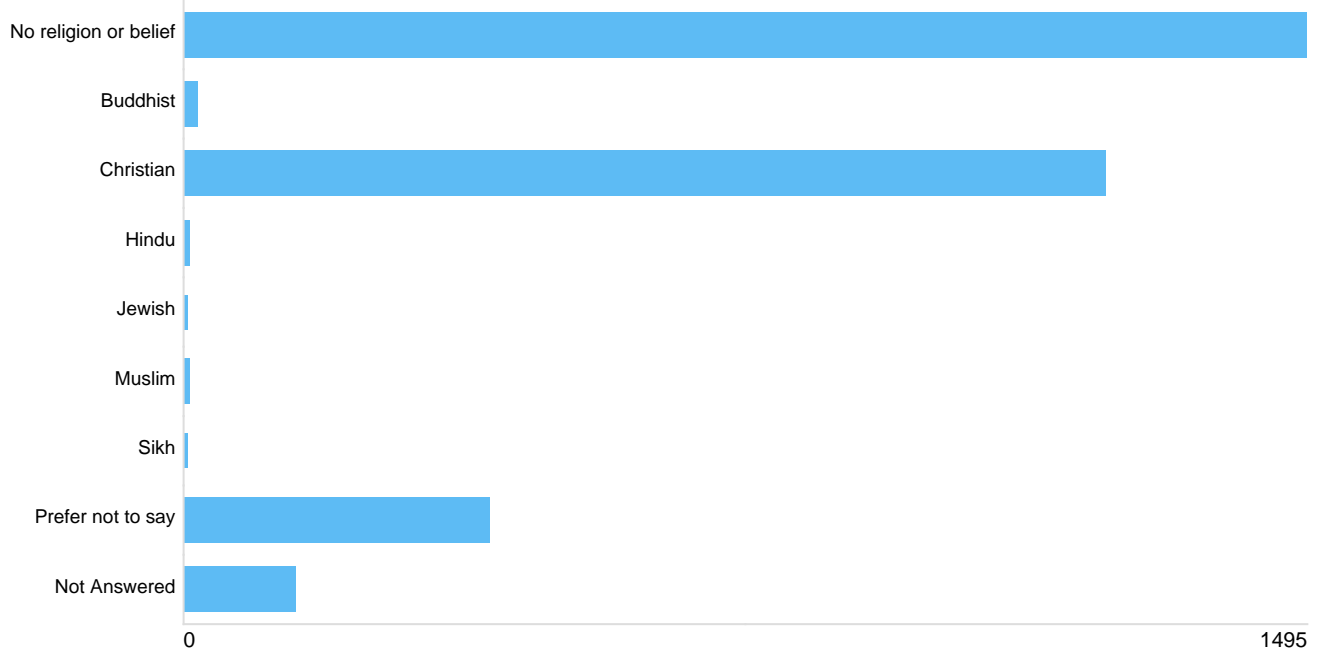
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There were **65** responses to this part of the question.

What is your religion or belief?

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Option	Total	Percent
No religion or belief	1495	45.22%
Buddhist	17	0.51%
Christian	1225	37.05%
Hindu	6	0.18%
Jewish	3	0.09%
Muslim	6	0.18%
Sikh	1	0.03%
Prefer not to say	406	12.28%
Not Answered	147	4.45%

If other religion or belief, please write that below:

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There were **80** responses to this part of the question.

Are you pregnant or have you had a baby in the last 26 weeks?

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Option	Total	Percent
Pregnant	35	1.06%
Had a baby in the last 26 weeks	49	1.48%
Not Answered	3222	97.46%

Asian or Asian British

Asian or Asian British



Option	Total	Percent
Indian	9	0.27%
Pakistani	4	0.12%
Bangladeshi	5	0.15%
Chinese	12	0.36%
Not Answered	3276	99.09%

Any other Asian background, please write that below:

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There were **42** responses to this part of the question.

Black, African, Caribbean or Black British

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Option	Total	Percent
African	17	0.51%
Caribbean	7	0.21%
Not Answered	3282	99.27%

Any other Black, African or Caribbean background, please write that below:

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There were **23** responses to this part of the question.

Mixed or Multiple ethnic groups

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Option	Total	Percent
White and Black Caribbean	20	0.60%
White and Black African	11	0.33%
White and Asian	37	1.12%
Not Answered	3238	97.94%

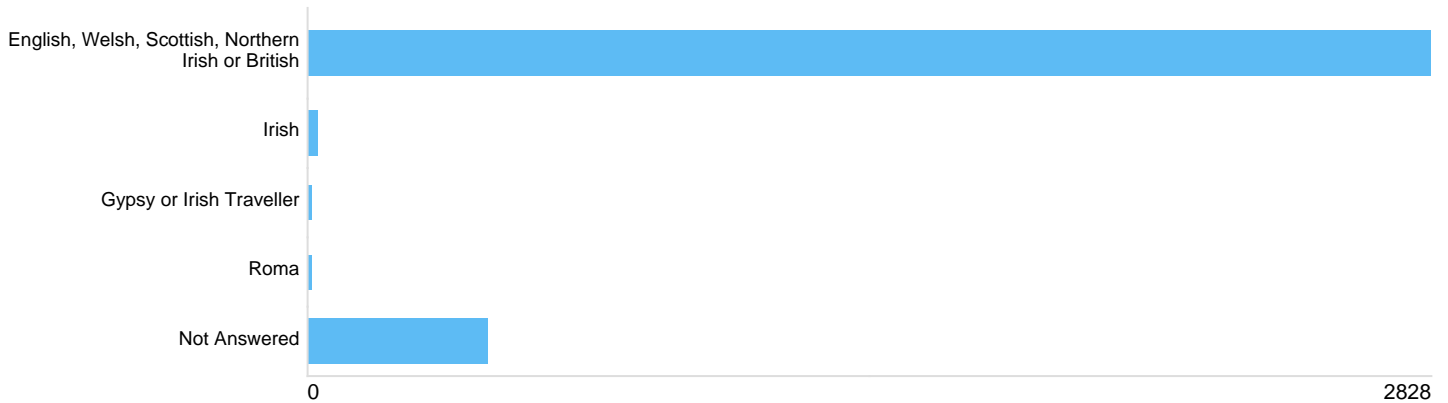
Any other Mixed or Multiple ethnic background please write that below:

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There were 31 responses to this part of the question.

White

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Option	Total	Percent
English, Welsh, Scottish, Northern Irish or British	2828	85.54%
Irish	21	0.64%
Gypsy or Irish Traveller	5	0.15%
Roma	3	0.09%
Not Answered	449	13.58%

Any other White background, please write that below:

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There were 116 responses to this part of the question.

Other ethnic group

Other ethnic group



Option	Total	Percent
Arab	5	0.15%
Prefer not to say	98	2.96%
Not Answered	3203	96.88%

Any other ethnic group, please write that below:

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There were **28** responses to this part of the question.