



# Is Britain Fairer?

## Individual and society

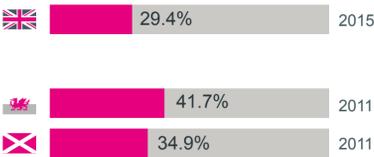
Fairness is important to us all in Britain. We strive to be a society in which everyone can achieve their potential and where people treat each other with dignity and respect.

**But is Britain fairer than it was 5 years ago for the individual and society?**

- Great Britain
- England
- Scotland
- Wales

### 1 Representation within national parliaments and assemblies is generally seeing improvements

Proportion of female Members:



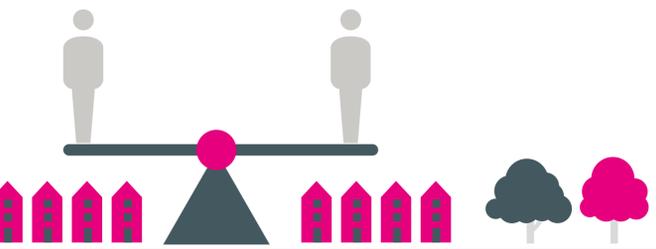
In the 2015 UK Parliament:

Number of openly LGB MPs (32) is reported to be the highest number ever

**32**

6.3% of MPs are from ethnic minorities (increase from 4.2% in 2010)

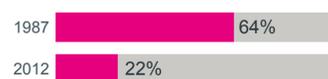
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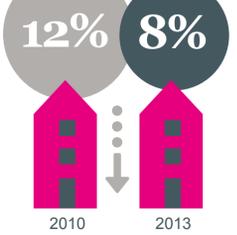
### 2 Britain is increasingly at ease with its diversity

The country has good protection for individual rights and this has been strengthened by new legislation allowing same sex marriage.

Proportion of British people who believe that 'same sex relations are always wrong' has decreased:



Public attitudes towards mental health have slightly improved: In England and Wales, the proportion who would 'not want to live next to someone who has been mentally ill' fell from 12% (2008) to 8% (2013)



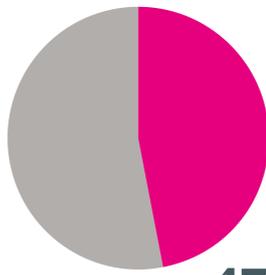
### 3 ...but some people experience harassment, discrimination and abuse

**7.2%** of all adults in Wales reported experiencing discrimination, harassment or abuse for any reason in the previous 12 months

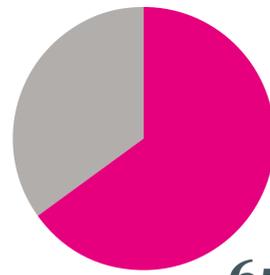
**19.5%** of ethnic minority groups in Wales compared to 6.8% of white people

**20.8%** of religious minority group in Wales compared to 8.2% of those with no religion

### Discrimination and harassment



of lesbian, gay and bisexual people responding to an EU-wide survey reported that they had felt personally discriminated against or harassed because of their sexual orientation in the previous 12 months



of transgender people reported the same on the basis of being perceived as transgender

### Forced marriage

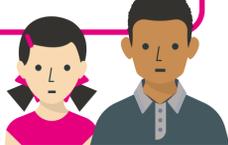
The Forced Marriage Unit (FMU) provided support in relation to

**1,267**

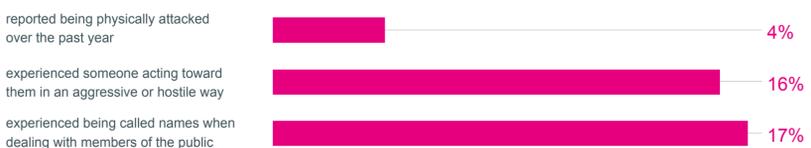
cases of a possible forced marriage in the UK in 2014.

1 in 5 victims were 17 and under  
1 in 5 victims were male

**88 countries** The cases involved 88 different countries, however 23% of cases were domestic



### Attitudes towards disabled people (2013):



### 4 ...and might not receive the support they need

Around 1 in 7 women, and 1 in 10 young people, in custody in England and Wales are held over 100 miles away from home (2013 data)

**Only 39% of children**

in custody had one or more visits a week from family and friends.



Risk of isolation, particularly in rural areas, as local authorities

**have altered or withdrawn 2,000 bus routes**

in England since 2010 and 179 in Wales since 2011



2013 figures show that

**16%**

of the 68,100 looked after children in England were living more than 20 miles from home

Using the evidence that we have gathered there are areas where Britain has improved and got fairer, and areas where it has got worse. Improvements need to be made across the board to really aim for a fairer Britain.