

Holmes Care Group Equal Pay and Gender Pay Gap Report –2023-2024

This report sets out the gender pay statistics for Holmes Care Group in relation to the reporting year of 2023 – 2024.

Introduction

Under the Equality Act 2010 (Gender Pay Gap Information) Regulations 2017, Holmes Care Group is legally required to publish, on an annual basis, specified information relating to their gender pay gap.

Legally, men and women must receive equal pay for:

- the same or broadly similar work;
- work rated as equivalent under a job evaluation scheme; or
- work of equal value

The following information has been calculated in accordance with the Regulations and is legally compliant.

Organisational context

Holmes Care Group Ltd is committed to the principles of equal pay for all our employees. We are devoted to equal opportunities and equal treatment for all employees, regardless of sex, race, religion or belief, age, marriage or civil partnership, pregnancy/maternity, sexual orientation, gender reassignment or disability. We have a clear policy of paying employees equally for the same or equivalent work, regardless of their sex (or anything else listed above).

We aim to eliminate any gender bias in our pay and remuneration systems and understand that equal pay between males and females is a legal right in accordance with the Equality Act 2010, Public Sector Equality Duty and European law. This commitment flows throughout our organisation.

The gender pay gap.

The gender pay gap is the difference between the average pay of men and women, expressed as a percentage. The gap is calculated across the entire workforce of an organisation.

The gender pay gap has many contributing factors which will differ from organisation to organisation, across sectors and across geographical locations. These factors may or may not be unlawful or discriminatory, guided by society or cultural aspects, or because of internal organisational practices.

It is crucial to our understanding of gender pay disparity to recognise that the gender pay gap is different to equal pay. Equal pay is where there is a discriminatory pay difference between men and women who carry out the same job, jobs rated as equivalent or work of equal value. The existence of a gender pay gap does not automatically give rise to any discrimination or equal pay matters.

We are confident that our gender pay gap is not because we pay men and women differently for the same or equivalent work. Instead, our gender pay gap is because men and women work in different roles and those roles have different salaries.

Gender Pay Gap

Mean gender pay gap.

Based on the mean (average) hourly rate of pay for male and female employees in the relevant pay period, the current mean gender pay gap at Holmes Care Group is 1.08% which is based on hourly pay rates as of the snapshot date of 5th April 2024. This shows a reduction in line with the national decline in general in the gender pay gap. The UK Office for National Statistics* reported a 7% mean gender pay gap among full time employees in April 2024. The mean gender pay gap at Holmes Care Group is therefore somewhat lower than the national average.

Below we have identified the factors that we believe contribute to this gap:

- During this period, Holmes Care Group employed 1 male in a senior position at Head Office who has a higher salary than most employees across the Company. Whilst there are several females on similar salaries the fact that there are fewer men in the Company means that this male executive's salary considerably increases the mean average pay rates for all males.
- The sample included 269 employees identifying as male and 1232 employees identifying as female at Holmes Care Group. The larger proportion of female employees means that it would require a substantially higher number of females earning equivalent salaries to the male executives to achieve parity in the average female pay rate.

Median gender pay gap


Based on the median (middle) hourly rate of pay for male and female employees in the relevant pay period, the current median gender pay gap at Holmes Care Group is 3.39%, this demonstrates a modest difference between employees identifying as male and female.

When we look at the demographics of our workforce, there is a disproportionately higher percentage of females fulfilling entry level and domestic roles.

Salary pay quartiles.

The following section separates our entire workforce into four equal quartiles based on the salaries that are paid to these employees.

The pay quartiles percentage is calculated using the following formulas:

 $A / C \times 100$ and $B / C \times 100$.

(A = male employees in quartile, B = female employees in quartile, C = total number of employees in quartile).

The report indicates that across all quartiles within the company, there is a higher representation of females compared to males, despite pay being relatively consistent throughout the organisation.

Specifically, the data reveals that 17.09% of the sample consists of male employees, while 82.91% are female employees. If there were no gender pay gap present within the company, these figures would align with the expected proportions of males and females in each quartile.

Bonus pay.

The proportion (in percentage terms) of male and female employees who received bonus pay during the period of 12 months was 0%. There were no bonus payments made during this timeframe.

Confirmation statement

I confirm the information set out in this gender pay gap report is accurate and calculated in accordance with the regulations.



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*Office for National Statistics, "Gender pay gap in the UK: 2024", 21st March 2025

[Gender pay gap in the UK – Office for National Statistics \(ons.gov.uk\)](https://ons.gov.uk)