

Defining the UK Sport & Physical Activity Sector Workforce Guidance

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About CIMSPA

The Chartered Institute for the Management of Sport & Physical Activity (CIMSPA) is the professional body for the sport and physical activity workforce.





Shaping a recognised, valued and inclusive sport and physical activity sector that everyone can to be part of.



Having a clearly defined, agreed and adopted view of the sport and physical activity workforce is critical in moving the sector forwards. By understanding your audience and customers in a recognised and sector-adopted way you will:

- Have greater confidence in who your customers are and which part(s)
 of the sport and physical activity sector they operate in
- Be better able to support your customers
- Gain valuable insight to support your growth strategy

Guidance questions and responses

When conducting research with current and future members of the sport and physical workforce it is recommended that you embed the following questions and set responses in-line with the current sectoradopted definition.

1. Age

What is your age?

18-24 | 25-34 | 35-44 | 45-54 | 65-54 | 65-74 | 75+

2. Gender

What is your gender?

3. Race/ethnicity

What is your race or ethnicity?

Female | Male | Transgender Female | Transgender Male | Non-binary | Agender | Genderfluid | Gender nonconforming | Intersex | People with variations in sex characteristics | Genderqueer | Cisgender Male | Cisgender Female | Other | Prefer not to say

White – English, Welsh, Scottish, Northern Irish or British | Irish | Gypsy or Irish Traveller | Any other White background // Mixed or Multiple ethnic groups – White and Black Caribbean | White and Black African | White and Asian | Any other Mixed or Multiple ethnic background // Asian or Asian British – Indian | Pakistani | Bangladeshi | Chinese | Any other Asian background // Black, African, Caribbean or Black British – African | Caribbean | Any other Black, African or Caribbean background // Other ethnic groups – Arab | Native Hawaiian | Chamorro | American Samoan | Any other ethnic group

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4. Disability status

Do you consider yourself as having a disability?

Yes | No | Prefer not to say

5. Region

Which UK Region do you currently live in?

East | East Midlands | London | North East | North West | Northern Ireland | Scotland | South East | South West | Wales | West Midlands | Yorkshire and the Humber | Outside the UK

6. Employment status

What is your current employment status?

Full time employee | Part time employee | Freelance/Self-employed | Proprietor | Worker | Unemployed

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7. Primary role

What is your current primary job role?

8. Industry area

Which of the following industries best describes where you primarily work

CEO | Coach | Director | Entry Manager | Exercise referral instructor | Group exercise instructor | Gym instructor | Health practitioner | Lifeguard | Middle manager | Personal trainer | Recreation assistant | Senior manager | Sports development manager | Sports development officer | Swimming teacher | Other [please specify]

Exercise and Fitness

Definition: Services, activities and venues that predominantly improve participant physical fitness.



Leisure Operations

Definition: Services, activities and venues that predominantly improve participation in physical activity.



Performance Sport

Definition: Competitive sport and activities including those in which athletes receive payment for their performance; professional, semi-professional and grass roots sport.



Health and Wellbeing

Definition: Holistic services and activities that promote improvements across all aspects of health, sometimes involving health care and other non-sector professionals.



Community Sport

Definition: Sport/skill based services, activities and venues that increase participation and develop skill, sometimes targeting under represented groups and inequalities.



Adventure Sport

Definition: Activities, services and venues both indoor and outdoor improving participation in physical activity perceived as having a high level of risk.

Glossary



Exercise and Fitness

Example places:

gyms, studios, community venues, outdoor, web-based

Example services:

group exercise, personal training, virtual fitness, exercise to music / dance activities, active e-sport, active travel



Performance Sport

Example places:

sports clubs, stadia, grass roots sport facilities

Example services:

sport participation, grass roots sport, sports entertainment, spectatorship



Community Sport

Example places:

community halls and venues, sports clubs, schools

Example services:

community activity clubs, holiday clubs



Leisure Operations

Example places:

leisure centres, swimming pool, splash parks

Example services:

swimming lessons, activity based sessions



Health and Wellbeing

Example places:

leisure centres, gyms, health centres, studios,

Example services:

exercise referral/social prescription, physiotherapy, nutrition, mindfulness



Adventure Sport

Example places:

outdoor centres, blue spaces, green spaces

Example services:

bouldering, rock climbing, skateboarding, water sports, mountain biking, obstacle course racing

