

Gender pay gap regulations

Gender Pay Gap – Moving Forward 2018







### **Enforcing the Regulations**

EHRC's role in enforcement

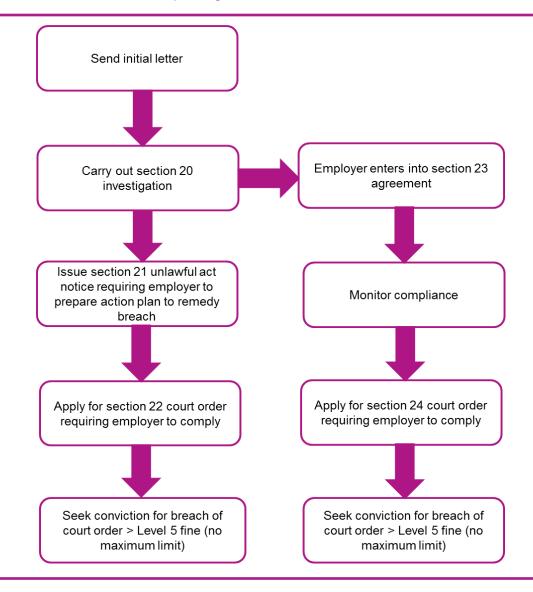
Enforcing against private and public sector employers

 Private sector enforcement process - investigations under s20 of the Equality Act 2006













#### Progress so far (1)

- 10,000 employers reported by the deadline
- 1,500 reported in the final 24 hours
- 1,500 did not report
- Enforcement started on 9 April with letters to all non-compliant employers





### Progress so far (2)

- Most have now reported or confirmed they are not caught by the Regulations
- Next stage is commencing this week draft terms of reference
- Investigations will commence in mid-June
- Enforcement on improbable data will follow







#### Purpose of enforcement

- Ensuring employers comply with their obligations
- Holding employers to account in order to deter non-compliance by others
- Introducing transparency
- Encouraging employers and others to tackle the causes of the gender pay gap
- Allowing progress to be measured





### Bringing about sustainable change

 In August 2017 we published research on gender, ethnicity and disability pay gaps alongside a strategy for tackling the causes of pay gaps that identifies actions for

government, agencies and

employers

 Watch this space – analysis of narratives coming soon







#### Our recommendations

- Unlock the earning potential of education by addressing differences in subject and career choices, educational attainment and access to apprenticeships
- Improve work opportunities for everyone, no matter who they are or where they live
- Make jobs at all levels available on a flexible basis
- Encourage men and women to share childcare responsibilities
- Reduce prejudice and bias in recruitment, promotion and pay decisions
- Report on progress in reducing pay gaps





#### What is Working Forward?



SUPPORTING PREGNANT WOMEN AND NEW PARENTS AT WORK

A major national initiative, calling on British businesses to make our workplaces the best they can be for pregnant women and new parents.





### Being a member also enables you to:

#### Champion your commitment

Clearly
demonstrate and
celebrate your
commitment to
equality to
employees and
customers.

### Proactively drive change

Help to bring about long-term, sustainable change to workplace cultures and environments by working collaboratively with other businesses to raise the bar.

# Access free expert resources and events

Attend Member-only events, learn from other Members via our LinkedIn group, and benefit from online training and 'how to' toolkits for free.

## Connect with like-minded businesses

Network, share and connect with CEOs and HR Directors from other Working Forward Member organisations.





#### Sexual harassment

Practical guidance for employers on sexual harassment in the workplace, including:

- definition and examples of what sexual harassment is
- your responsibilities as an employer
- what a sexual harassment policy should include
- how to put the policy into practice
- how to handle sexual harassment complaints
- criminal behaviour







#### Accelerating progress

Create job profiles and person specifications which attract the widest possible

pool of candidates

Use a range of recruitment methods

- Set a clear brief and diversity targets
- Use a formal selection process which is transparent and rigorous
- Encourage diversity in succession planning and the talent pipeline
- Take positive action







### What next for reporting?

- Ongoing enforcement
- Reducing the threshold
- Additional reporting measures





# Thank you



