



Disability Sport Wales

# Club Survey Report

## March and September 2022

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## Analysis of the DSW Club Survey Participant Data

In 2021, the decision was made to change the KPI data measures that Disability Sport Wales asked the Local Authority Disability Officers to complete in an attempt to collect more accurate data directly from the sports clubs. In March 2022, 264 clubs completed the survey and in September 2022, 311 clubs completed the survey.

It was found from these surveys that in March 2022, there was a total of 8144 disabled participants engaging with sports and physical activity clubs in Wales. This figure increased to 11106 disabled participants in September 2022. This is a huge increase of 327% from the 2597 disabled people who engaged with physical activity, exercise, and sporting opportunities between 2020 and 2021. However, it should be appreciated that Covid-19 had a significant impact on disabled people’s engagement with sport and physical activity with many of the sessions being delivered virtually or being paused temporarily.

Of the disabled participants who took part in sports and physical activity clubs the following number were Female, Male, Other, Welsh speaking, from ethnically diverse communities, and identified as LGBTQI+:

**Identified as Female:**

MARCH 2022  
3,135 - 39%

SEPT 2022  
4,102 - 37%

**Identified as Male:**

MARCH 2022  
4,559 - 56%

SEPT 2022  
6,395 - 58%

**Identified as Other:**

MARCH 2022  
450 - 6%

SEPT 2022  
609 - 6%

**Welsh-speaking:**

MARCH 2022  
2,369 - 29%

SEPT 2022  
1,785 - 16%

**Ethnically Diverse Communities:**

MARCH 2022  
534 - 7%

SEPT 2022  
426 - 4%

**LGBTQI+:**

MARCH 2022  
70 - 1%

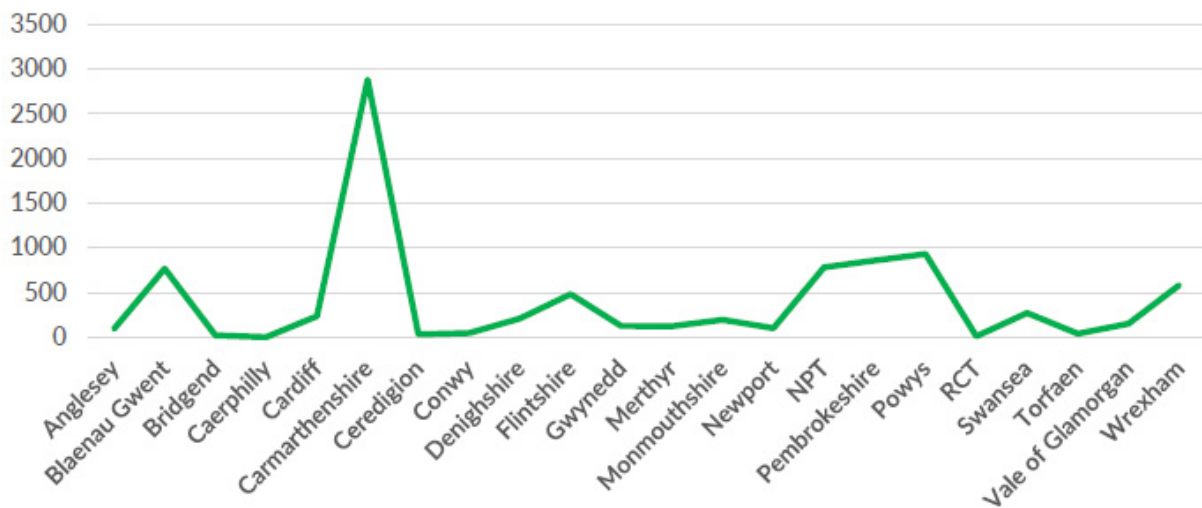
SEPT 2022  
88 - <1%



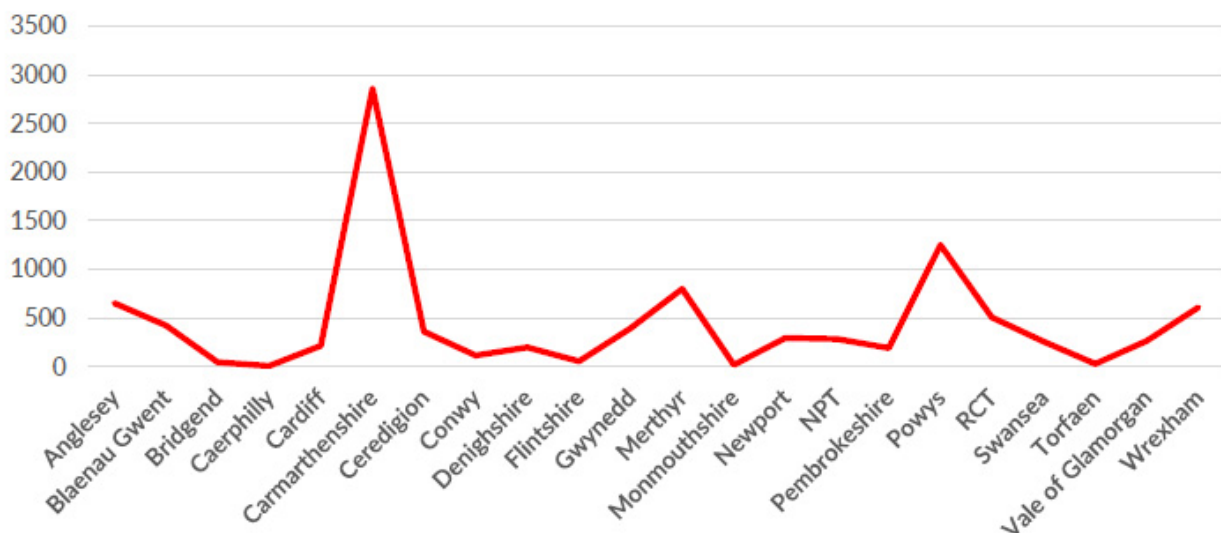
## Number of Disabled Participants based on each Local Authority

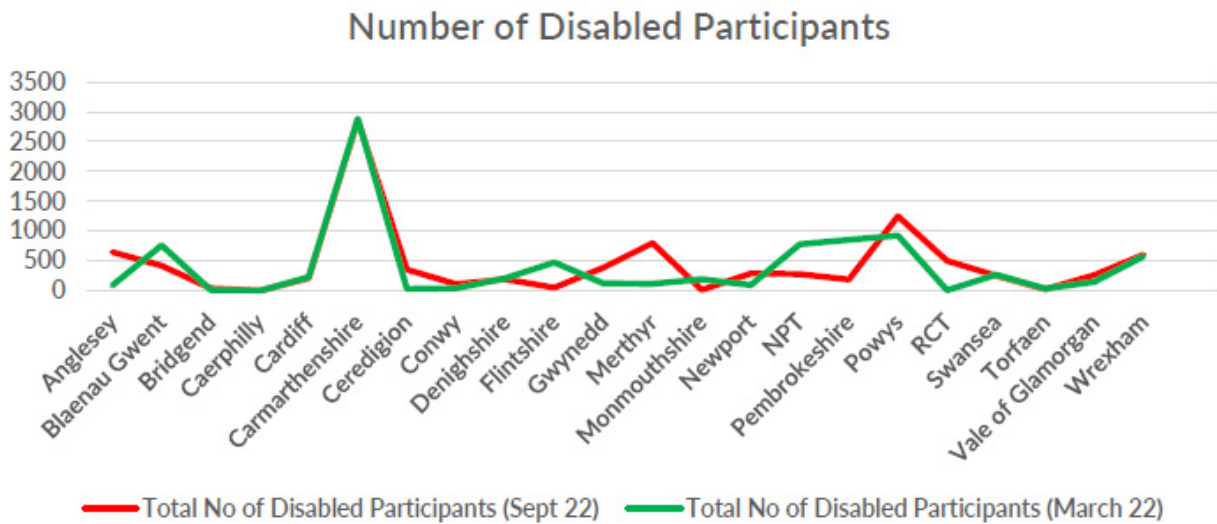
From the data it can be seen that the local authority with the highest number of disabled participants in March 2022 and September 2022 was Carmarthenshire. The tables below show the spread of the data from the 22 local authorities within Wales when the data was collected in March 2022 and September 2022.

Total No of Disabled Participants - March 22



Total No of Disabled Participants - September 2022





### What do these figures mean?

- The number of disabled participants across the 22 local authorities is inconsistent.
- In many of the local authorities the number of disabled participants has returned to pre-Covid levels.
- Gaining the data directly from the clubs and sports organisations potentially creates a more accurate representation of the number of disabled participants in Wales.
- Carmarthenshire has the highest number of disabled participants.
- Caerphilly and Torfaen have the lowest number of disabled participants.

## Diverse and Inclusive Workforce

The table below shows the diversity of the coach, official, and volunteer workforce in March 2022 and September 2022.

	Disabled	Welsh-speaking	Ethnically Diverse Communities	LGBTQI+
March 2022	<b>12%</b> 266 people	<b>17%</b> 368 people	<b>1.7%</b> 38 people	<b>1.5%</b> 33 people
Sept 2022	<b>15%</b> 271 people	<b>29%</b> 515 people	<b>2%</b> 39 people	<b>2%</b> 41 people

This table shows the gender of the disabled workforce for coaches, officials, and volunteers in March 2022:

	Disabled Females	Disabled Males	Disabled Other
Coaches	<b>11%</b> 50 people	<b>13%</b> 271 people	<b>0%</b> 0 people
Officials	<b>15%</b> 26 people	<b>16%</b> 23 people	<b>0%</b> 0 people
Volunteers	<b>10%</b> 42 people	<b>13%</b> 46 people	<b>&lt;1 %</b> 1 person
	<b>11%</b> 118 people	<b>13%</b> 147 people	<b>&lt;1%</b> 1 person



## What do these figures mean?

- The number of disabled people within the workforce is increasing. Previously only 8% of the workforce identified as having a disability, whereas this figure raised to 11% in March 2022 and 15% in September 2022.
- For September 2022, the number of the workforce who are Welsh speaking has increased too. However, clarity may be required around this question, as to whether it is asking the number of Welsh speakers in the club for disabled and non-disabled or just for the disabled workforce. The responses were inconsistent.
- The workforce figures, from ethnically diverse communities, is increasing from the less than 1% in 2020 to 2021 to March 2022 it was 1.7% and 2% in September 2022.
- The figures for the LGBTQI+ has also increased from 1.5% in March 2022 to 2% in September 2022.



## Recommendations

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- There needs to be consistent responses from all local authorities in Wales. Potentially learning could be taken from Carmarthenshire and what worked well in encouraging clubs and sports organisations to complete the survey.
- The disabled participant numbers within Caerphilly and Torfaen are incredibly low and this should be addressed with accurate figure reporting.
- Although the percentage of disabled people within the workforce is increasing, this is still a long way off the 22% of disabled people within the population figure reported by Stats Wales for 2018 – 2020. Therefore, further work needs to be carried out to make the cultures within clubs and sports organisations more inclusive for disabled people to join the workforce.
- Clarity required for the equity and diversity workforce questions, as some misunderstanding existed. It appeared that some clubs responded to the equity and diversity questions for the whole club, whereas others responded just for the disabled workforce.
- Clarity also required for the question on primary delivery location, as the responses do not appear to match up with the name of the club or sports organisation.