

Equality Impact Assessment

Directorate: Wellbeing																																																		
Service: Adult Social Care																																																		
Name of Officer/s completing assessment:																																																		
Date of Assessment:																																																		
Name of service/function or policy being assessed:																																																		
1.	<p>What are the aims, objectives, outcomes, purpose of the policy, service change, function that you are assessing? Client charges - Increase fees and charges to threshold levels.</p>																																																	
2.	<p>Who implements or delivers the policy, service or function? State if this is undertaken by more than one team, service, and department including any external partners. OP/PD/LD/MH Services, Financial and benefits team (arvato)</p>																																																	
3.	<p>Who will be affected by this proposal? For example who are the external/internal customers, communities, partners, stakeholders, the workforce etc. Please consider all of the Protected Characteristics listed (more information is available in the background information). Bear in mind that people affected by the proposals may well have more than one protected characteristic.</p> <p>All Adults eligible for charges</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th rowspan="2">Protected Characteristic</th> <th colspan="3">Differential Impact</th> </tr> <tr> <th>Yes</th> <th>No</th> <th>N/A</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Age:</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Disability:</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Gender Reassignment:</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Marriage and Civil Partnership:</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pregnancy and maternity:</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Race:</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Religion and Belief:</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sex:</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sexual orientation:</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Other</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Age:</p>			Protected Characteristic	Differential Impact			Yes	No	N/A	Age:				Disability:				Gender Reassignment:				Marriage and Civil Partnership:				Pregnancy and maternity:				Race:				Religion and Belief:				Sex:				Sexual orientation:				Other			
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4.	<p>What are any likely positive impacts for the group/s identified in (3) above? You may wish to refer to the Equalities Duties detailed in the background information.</p> <p>This is based on the annual uplift in line with inflation therefore all groups identified in relation to equity will be treated equally. In terms of the actual charge applied to each person, this will be financially assessed and measures will be taken to advise people of their entitlements to benefits</p>
5.	<p>What are the likely negative impacts for the group/s identified in (3) above? If so then are any particular groups affected more than others and why?</p> <p>Some impact for some individuals who will have to pay an increased charge – and some service users may dispute the uplift in charges in which case this would be addressed through due council process</p>
6.	<p>Have the impacts identified in (4) and (5) above been assessed using up to date and reliable evidence and data? Please state evidence sources and conclusions drawn (e.g. survey results, customer complaints, monitoring data etc).</p> <p>Yes – monitoring information on current charging schemes – and identification of full cost payers and other payers likely to be impacted by increased charge</p>
7.	<p>Have you engaged or consulted with any identified groups or individuals if necessary and what were the results, e.g. have the staff forums/unions/ community groups been involved?</p> <p>All clients will be notified of the increase in charges in a timely manner.</p>
8.	<p>Have you considered the impact the policy might have on local community relations?</p> <p>This is an annual event that is operated across all councils</p>
9.	<p>What plans do you have in place, or are developing, that will mitigate any likely identified negative impacts? For example what plans, if any, will be put in place to reduce the impact?</p> <p>N/A</p>
10.	<p>What plans do you have in place to monitor the impact of the proposals once they have been implemented? (The full impact of the decision may only be known after the proposals have been implemented). review process. Financial Monitoring and Social Care Reviews</p>

What course of action does this EIA suggest you take? More than one of the following may apply	✓
Outcome 1: No major change required. The EIA has not identified any potential for discrimination or adverse impact and all opportunities to promote equality have been taken	✓
Outcome 2: Adjust the policy to remove barriers identified by the EIA or better promote equality. Are you satisfied that the proposed adjustments will remove the barriers identified? (Complete action plan).	
Outcome 3: Continue the policy despite potential for adverse impact or missed opportunities to promote equality identified. You will need to ensure that the EIA clearly sets out the justifications for continuing with it. You should consider whether there are sufficient plans to reduce the negative impact and/or plans to monitor the actual impact (see questions below). (Complete action plan).	
Outcome 4: Stop and rethink the policy when the EIA shows actual or potential unlawful discrimination. (Complete action plan).	

Action Plan and Timetable for Implementation

At this stage a timetabled Action Plan should be developed to address any concerns/issues related to equality in the existing or proposed policy/service or function. This plan will need to be integrated into the appropriate Service/Business Plan.

Action	Target Groups	Lead Responsibility	Outcomes/Success Criteria	Monitoring & Evaluation	Target Date	Progress to Date

Name:
Signed: ... Paula Bass.....(Person completing the EIA)

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Signed:(Policy Lead if not same as above)

Date: