

Appendix 1

Equality, Diversity, Cohesion and Integration Screening



As a public authority we need to ensure that all our strategies, policies, service and functions, both current and proposed have given proper consideration to equality, diversity, cohesion and integration.

A **screening** process can help judge relevance and provides a record of both the **process** and **decision**. Screening should be a short, sharp exercise that determines relevance for all new and revised strategies, policies, services and functions. Completed at the earliest opportunity it will help to determine:

- the relevance of proposals and decisions to equality, diversity, cohesion and integration.
- whether or not equality, diversity, cohesion and integration is being/has already been considered, and
- whether or not it is necessary to carry out an impact assessment.

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1. Title

Request to approve contract extension in accordance with Contracts Procedure Rule 21.1 for the existing Carer Support Service contract YORE-9CAFF4

Is this a:

Strategy / Policy

Service / Function

Other

If other, please specify

2. Please provide a brief description of what you are screening

A recommendation to extend the Carer Support Service contract for a period of twelve months form April 2017.

3. Relevance to equality, diversity, cohesion and integration

All the council's strategies/policies, services/functions affect service users, employees or the wider community – city wide or more local. These will also have a greater/lesser relevance to equality, diversity, cohesion and integration.

The following questions will help you to identify how relevant your proposals are.

When considering these questions think about age, carers, disability, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation and any other relevant characteristics (for example socio-economic status, social class, income, unemployment, residential location or family background and education or skills levels).

Questions	Yes	No
Is there an existing or likely differential impact for the different equality characteristics?		✓
Have there been or likely to be any public concerns about the policy or proposal?		✓
Could the proposal affect how our services, commissioning or procurement activities are organised, provided, located and by whom?	✓	
Could the proposal affect our workforce or employment practices?		✓
Does the proposal involve or will it have an impact on <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eliminating unlawful discrimination, victimisation and harassment • Advancing equality of opportunity • Fostering good relations 		✓

*If you have answered **no** to the questions above please complete **sections 6 and 7***

4. Considering the impact on equality, diversity, cohesion and integration

If you can demonstrate you have considered how your proposals impact on equality, diversity, cohesion and integration you have carried out an impact assessment.

Please provide specific details for all three areas below (use the prompts for guidance).

How have you considered equality, diversity, cohesion and integration?

(think about the scope of the proposal, who is likely to be affected, equality related information, gaps in information and plans to address, consultation and engagement activities (taken place or planned) with those likely to be affected)

The Leeds Carer Support Service provides vital support for unpaid carers by promoting the mental, physical, emotional and economic well-being of carers so that they are supported to maintain their own health and well-being, have a life of their own in terms of opportunities for work, training, education, leisure and social interaction, and have choice and control over their caring role.

Key findings

(think about any potential positive and negative impact on different equality characteristics, potential to promote strong and positive relationships between groups, potential to bring groups/communities into increased contact with each other, perception that the proposal could benefit one group at the expense of another)

Anyone can become a carer – carers come from all walks of life, all cultures and can be of any age. Carers provide the bulk of care in the community and without them our NHS and Social Services would be overwhelmed. However there is strong evidence that many carers pay a heavy price of their caring role in terms of their education, health and wealth.

Actions

(think about how you will promote positive impact and remove/ reduce negative impact)

The recommendation to extend the contract will enable continuity of service while a review presents a comprehensive picture of current support for carers including what works well and what gaps and opportunities exist, as well as presenting a future model and investment plan. The review will deliver an agreed specification for carer support which is designed around local needs and which will support the delivery of national and local carers' strategies and the ambition for Leeds to be the best city in the UK for health and well-being.

Communication and engagement with a wide range of stakeholders will be key to the review of carer support services. The work feeds into the Leeds Carers Partnership which has strong representation from carers, third sector organisations and statutory sector partners.

5. If you are **not already considering the impact on equality, diversity, cohesion and integration you **will need to carry out an impact assessment**.**

Date to scope and plan your impact assessment:	
Date to complete your impact assessment	
Lead person for your impact assessment (Include name and job title)	

6. Governance, ownership and approval

Please state here who has approved the actions and outcomes of the screening

Name	Job title	Date
James Woodhead	Head of Commissioning (Integration)	21 st November 2016

7. Publishing

This screening document will act as evidence that due regard to equality and diversity has been given. If you are not carrying out an independent impact assessment the screening document will need to be published.

If this screening relates to a **Key Delegated Decision, Executive Board, full Council** or a **Significant Operational Decision** a copy should be emailed to Corporate Governance and will be published along with the relevant report.

Date screening completed	21 st November 2016
If relates to a Key Decision - date sent to Corporate Governance	
Any other decision – date sent to Equality Team (equalityteam@leeds.gov.uk)	