

Equality, diversity, cohesion and integration screening – organisational change impacting on the workforce

As a public authority we need to ensure that all organisational change arrangements impacting on the workforce have given proper consideration to equality, diversity, cohesion and integration.

Equality and diversity will always have relevancy to organisational changes which impact on a diverse workforce. If you can demonstrate you have considered how your proposals impact on equality, diversity, cohesion and integration then you have already carried out an impact assessment.

A **screening** process is a short, sharp exercise, which completed at the earliest opportunity will help to determine:

- whether or not equality, diversity, cohesion and integration is being or has already been considered, and therefore
- whether or not it is necessary to carry out an impact assessment.

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<p>1. Please provide a brief description of the organisational change arrangements that you are screening</p>
<p>The purchase of horticultural machines for the new Whinmoor Grange nursery.</p>

2. Consideration of equality, diversity, cohesion and integration checklist

Questions	Yes	No
Have you already considered equality and diversity within your current and future planning?	x	
Where you have made consideration does this relate to the range of equality characteristics	x	
Have you considered positive and negative impacts for different equality characteristics	x	
Have you considered any potential barriers for different groups	x	
Have you used equality information and consultation where appropriate to develop your proposals	x	
Is there a clear plan of how equality areas identified for improvement will be addressed	x	

If you've answered **no** to the questions above, there may be gaps in your equality and diversity considerations and you should complete an equality and diversity, cohesion and integration impact assessment (organisational change). Please go to **section 4**.

If you've answered **yes** to the questions above and believe you've already considered the impact on equality, diversity, cohesion and integration within your proposal please go to **section 3**.

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

If you can demonstrate that you've 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 only impact will be for staff using the machinery. The machines are a big improvement on the current equipment as they are computer programmable removing large amounts of the manual operations currently required. This means a friendlier environment for those who are hard of hearing or have a physical disability.

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).

Having a computer programmed production line vs a manual one significantly reduces the chance of injury while also allowing staff who in the past would not have been able to do the work to get involved. The purchase of the new machines does not benefit one group against another.

Actions

(think about how you'll promote positive impact and remove or reduce negative impact)

The company providing the machinery will train all staff who may be expected to use the machinery equally. The benefits of using the machinery to increase the efficiency of work and reduce the physical impact will also be disseminated to staff.

4. If you're not already considering the impact on equality, diversity, cohesion and integration you'll 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)	

5. Governance, ownership and approval Please state here who approved the actions and outcomes of the screening		
Name	Job title	Date
Joanne Clough	Trading and Operational Support Manager	
Date screening completed		

6. Publishing	
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For executive board or full council – sent to governance services	Date sent: n/a
For delegated decisions or significant operational decisions – sent to appropriate directorate	Date sent: 09/03/17
All other decisions – sent to the equality team	Date sent: