Equality, Diversity, Cohesion and Integration Screening

Directorate: Children and Families



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.

Service area: Commissioning

- 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: Intensive Positive Behaviour Su	upport Service - Co-operation
agreement	
Is this a:	
Strategy / Policy X Servi	ce / Function Other
If other, please specify	
2. Please provide a brief description of	what you are screening

A decision to enter into a co-operation agreement with Leeds Community Healthcare NHS Trust (LCH) to deliver an Intensive Positive Behaviour Support (IPBS) service in Leeds.

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. Also those areas that impact on or relate to equality: tackling poverty and improving health and well-being.

Questions	Yes	No
Is there an existing or likely differential impact for the different equality characteristics?		X
Have there been or likely to be any public concerns about the policy or proposal?		Х
Could the proposal affect how our services, commissioning or procurement activities are organised, provided, located and by whom?		Х
Could the proposal affect our workforce or employment practices?		Х
Does the proposal involve or will it have an impact on Eliminating unlawful discrimination, victimisation and harassment Advancing equality of opportunity Fostering good relations 		Х

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

If you have answered **yes** to any of the above and;

- Believe you have already considered the impact on equality, diversity, cohesion and integration within your proposal please go to **section 4**.
- Are not already considering the impact on equality, diversity, cohesion and integration within your proposal please go to **section 5.**

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)

This report follows on from the previous key decision (DN46357) which sought approval to accept funding to develop an Intensive Positive Behaviour Support Service (IPBS) working with colleagues from the NHS. This report specifically seeks approval to enter into a co-operation Agreement with Leeds Community Healthcare NHS Trust (LCH) to deliver this service.

A group has been established to manage the development of this service which includes representation from EPIC Leeds which is our parent, carer and family participation forum in Leeds. This group will oversee the development of the co-operation agreement, service specification and operational elements of the delivery which will include considerations regarding equality, diversity, cohesion and integration.

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)

The IPBS service is a co-operation between Leeds City Council and LCH utilising funding from Adults and Health and the Clinical Commissioning Group to provide intensive support to children with learning disabilities, autism and challenging behaviour and their families. The service will provide support to avoid family breakdown which can often lead to out of area residential placements which are both costly and often do not provide the best outcomes for children and young people. The service will seek to improve outcomes for this group by supporting families and other settings the young person engages with to manage that challenging behaviour.

Actions

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

As a key part of service development interested parties will work together to ensure the service is inclusive and responds to the needs of a diverse range of families and to put in place effective arrangements to monitor this.

This is to be reflected in the co-operation agreement drafted between Leeds City Council and LCH.

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		
Luke Myers	Commissioning	3/7/2018		
	Programme Manager			
Date screening completed		3/7/2018		

7. Publishing

Though all key decisions are required to give due regard to equality the council only publishes those related to Executive Board, Full Council, Key Delegated Decisions or a Significant Operational Decision.

A copy of this equality screening should be attached as an appendix to the decision making report:

- Governance Services will publish those relating to Executive Board and Full Council.
- The appropriate directorate will publish those relating to Delegated Decisions and Significant Operational Decisions.
- A copy of all other equality screenings that are not to be published should be sent to equalityteam@leeds.gov.uk for record.

Complete the appropriate section below with the date the report and attached screening was sent:

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For Executive Board or Full Council – sent to	Date sent:
Governance Services	
For Delegated Decisions or Significant Operational	Date sent:
Decisions – sent to appropriate Directorate	
All other decisions – sent to	Date sent:
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