

Appendix 3

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 or has already been considered, and
- whether or not it is necessary to carry out an impact assessment.

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Lead person: Caroline Baria	Contact number: 01133783884

1. Title: Leeds Mental Health Strategy

Is this a:

Strategy / Policy

Service / Function

Other

If other, please specify

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

- Work has been underway throughout 2019 to develop a new comprehensive strategy for mental health. This will outline what we intend to do as a city to improve mental health, support those with mental ill health and reduce mental health inequalities across Leeds.
- The new all age mental health strategy will cover our priorities in relation to mental health promotion, prevention and treatment. It will also replace the previous Leeds Mental Health Framework.
- This report outlines the process undertaken to understand need, including the voices of people with lived experience of mental ill-health which have informed the strategy's priorities, which highlight where we as a city particularly want to achieve a step change in mental health outcomes.

3. Relevance to equality, diversity, cohesion and integration

All the council's strategies and policies, service and functions affect service users, employees or the wider community – city wide or more local. These will also have a greater or 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?	x	
Could the proposal affect how our services, commissioning or procurement activities are organised, provided, located and by whom?	x	
Could the proposal affect our workforce or employment practices?	x	
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	x	

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)

Mental Health affects the whole population of Leeds. However, we know that there are key groups who are more likely to be negatively affected.

Engagement on the proposed strategy was undertaken in autumn 2019. The engagement occurred at two levels: citizen engagement and stakeholder engagement.

Citizen engagement included delivering a brief presentation of the draft strategy, and facilitating open discussions about the proposed priorities and passions, at various public meetings and events, including: the Social Care Forum for Race Equality; the 'Together We Can' meeting with people who access services and their carers; a Leeds Involving People (LIP) consultation event, and Leeds Youth Council.

Engagement was undertaken with various third sector organisations, particularly targeting those organisations that work with individuals and groups that have not previously been consulted. This included: people who are socially isolated; young people and adults who have recently experienced crises; rough sleepers and people who are homeless; refugees and asylum seekers; prisoners and ex-prisoners. These engagement events were led and facilitated by Healthwatch, Age UK; Forum Central and Young Lives Leeds.

Stakeholder engagement was delivered at various forums within statutory organisations, including elected members via the Community Committees Health and Wellbeing Champions meeting; the GP Members' meeting, the Clinical Commissioning Forum, Targeted Services, as well as with organisations that are specifically working within mental health services such as Mind Well, Mind Mate, Touchstone.

Stakeholder engagement is critical to ensure that there is system-wide ownership of the strategy and of the role that organisations will play in contributing to the delivery of the priorities.

Through the engagement processes outlined, the strategy has been modified to reflect what people told us. We have since increased from 7 to 8 priorities, and which have been reworded to be more inclusive of groups who are most at risk, and to reflect an all age strategy.

- **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 development and subsequent implementation of the mental health strategy has the potential to positively affect diverse populations and communities in Leeds. Mental health needs assessments (including Future in Mind and Leeds in Mind) have clearly indicated which groups have poorer access to mental health services and less favourable treatment outcomes. These populations will be a key focus of the strategy through an overarching commitment to addressing mental health inequalities.

A mentally healthy city, supported by a well-developed vision and strategy has the potential to have a positive impact upon community cohesion and integration. Population mental health and wellbeing is dependent upon wider determinants,

including community cohesion. However, steps to improve mental health – including for example, improving access to green spaces or supporting local informal networks, in themselves *support* community integration. As such, one key element of the strategy is the recognition that mental health is everybody's business and good mental health should be actively promoted across the range of strategies across the system.

- Actions**

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

There will be a delivery plan which sits under the strategy which will ensure that the social and economic determinants of mental ill health are highlighted and closing the inequalities gap will be a key priority thus galvanising action across the whole system.

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
Caroline Baria	Deputy Director, Integrated Comissioning	20 th December 2019
Date screening completed		20 th December 2019

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:	
For Executive Board or Full Council – sent to Governance Services	Date sent: 22 nd January 2020
For Delegated Decisions or Significant Operational Decisions – sent to appropriate Directorate	Date sent:
All other decisions – sent to equalityteam@leeds.gov.uk	Date sent: