

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.

<b>Directorate:</b> Adults & Health	<b>Service area:</b> Telecare
<b>Lead person:</b> Katie Cunningham	<b>Contact number:</b> 3783264

1. Title: Authority to undertake a procurement exercise in accordance with Contracts Procedure Rule (CPR) 3.1.6 for the supply of Community Equipment

Is this a:

Strategy / Policy

Service / Function

Other

If other, please specify:

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

1. The Director of Adults and Health is requested to – Approve the undertaking of a procurement exercise to procure a 5 year framework agreement, with an option for the Council to extend the contracts for a period of up to 24 months in any combination for the supply of Community Equipment.
2. The Leeds Community Equipment Service operates under a Better Care Fund Agreement between Leeds City Council and Leeds Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG). Leeds City Council is the lead commissioner for the arrangement and Adults and Health are the lead provider in the Partnership and deliver the Service in partnership with Leeds Community Healthcare.
3. On 12th April 2017, approval was given via delegated decision by the Director of Adults and Health for permission to establish a four year framework arrangement for the supply of community equipment for Disabled People for Adults & Health and Children’s Services.
4. The current contract is due to expire on 31st May 2021 with no option to extend available and approval is now sought to undertake a procurement exercise, in order to establish new contracts with effect from 1st June 2021, in order to maintain continuous provision of these services.

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

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)

- **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)

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

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
Katie Cunningham	Service Delivery Manager	25 <sup>th</sup> March 2020
<b>Date screening completed</b>		25 <sup>th</sup> March 2020

### 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](mailto: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 <b>Governance Services</b>	Date sent:
For Delegated Decisions or Significant Operational Decisions – sent to appropriate <b>Directorate</b>	Date sent: <b>25<sup>th</sup> March 2020</b>
All other decisions – sent to <a href="mailto:equalityteam@leeds.gov.uk">equalityteam@leeds.gov.uk</a>	Date sent: