

# 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.

<b>Directorate: Adults and Health</b>	<b>Service area: Working Age Adults Commissioning</b>
<b>Lead person: Eleanor Hastwell</b>	<b>Contact number: 0113 378 9864</b>

<p><b>1. Title:</b> Request to waive CPRs 8.1, 8.2, 9.1 &amp; 9.2 and award new interim contracts in respect of community based mental health services</p>
<p>Is this a:</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Strategy / Policy</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Service / Function</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Other</b> </p> <p><b>If other, please specify</b></p>

<p><b>2. Please provide a brief description of what you are screening</b></p>
<p>This EDCI screening relates to a decision being taken at Adults and Health Delegated Decision Panel in January 2022 to request permission to waive Contract Procedure Rules (CPRs) 8.1, 8.2, 9.1 and 9.2 in order to enter into new 12 month contracts with Touchstone-Leeds, Community Links (Northern) Ltd and Catholic Care (Diocese of Leeds) for their community based mental health services.</p>

### 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"><li>• Eliminating unlawful discrimination, victimisation and harassment</li><li>• Advancing equality of opportunity</li><li>• Fostering good relations</li></ul>	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)

Through the ongoing performance management of the services, equality and diversity information is collected on a quarterly basis and is used to develop the service in a way that promotes diversity and inclusion.

In addition, this request is to extend contractual arrangements in order to allow continuity of service whilst the review of community based mental health provision is concluded with CCG partners. It can therefore be argued that the decision to issue new 12 month contracts to these providers for existing provision will not result in any adverse impact on any specific protected characteristics, as the services will continue to be delivered in the way they currently are.

All proposals for changes to provision made thus far through the review have been subject to a separate EDCI screening to ensure there are no unintended negative consequences for any protected characteristics.

- **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)

The new contract will allow the service to continue whilst a competitive procurement exercise is undertaken.

Full consideration to equality and diversity issues will be given when developing the procurement documentations.

**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

<b>Name</b>	<b>Job title</b>	<b>Date</b>
Aidan Smith	Head of Commissioning – Working Age Adults	6 <sup>th</sup> January 2022
<b>Date screening completed</b>		6 <sup>th</sup> January 2022

**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: 6/1/22
All other decisions – sent to <a href="mailto:equalityteam@leeds.gov.uk">equalityteam@leeds.gov.uk</a>	Date sent: