

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

Directorate: Adults and Health	Service area: Commissioning
Lead person: David Peel	Contact number: 0113 378 3836

1. Title: Tender evaluation and award of contract for Gascoigne House extra care scheme onsite care provider

Is this a:

Strategy / Policy

 Service / Function

 Other

If other, please specify

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

This assessment is screening the request to award the contract for an onsite care provider for the new extra care scheme in development at the Throstle Recreation Grounds in Middleton, Gascoigne House. The procurement process followed has identified an onsite provider to cover the 24/7 core wellbeing service as well as act as the provider of choice for all planned care and support where this is in line with the wishes of the client.

Extra care housing is a form of supported housing. It is usually designed to provide a self-contained home and access to on-site care and support for older people generally aged 55 and over and who may also have varying levels of care needs, though Gascoigne House also has 12 bungalows developed towards working age adults with either physical disability and/or sensory impairment. Access to the site and its services is citywide and open to all citizens of Leeds who meet the eligibility criteria. This includes a level of assessed eligibility based on an individual’s circumstances and has itself been subject to equality screening as a function.

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?	✓ (Age)	
Have there been or likely to be any public concerns about the policy or proposal?		✓
Could the proposal affect how our services, commissioning or procurement activities are organised, provided, located and by whom?	✓	
Could the proposal affect our workforce or employment practices?		✓
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 		✓

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?**

Extra care services themselves are generally there for adults aged 55 and over who have assessed eligible care needs. The referrals from Social Workers to schemes would generally be for older citizens, though noting that the Gascoigne House site also has 12 bungalows which have been developed with working age adults living with either a physical disability and/or sensory impairments.

- **Actions**

While predominantly aimed towards older citizens, individuals of any age who would be recognised as potentially benefiting from extra care could be nominated to the schemes. Any adults younger than 55 and living at an extra care scheme (for example as a partner) could access the services covered by this impact assessment if recognised as eligible following an assessment by an area social worker. Beyond the positive benefits of the delivered care, support and peace of mind to the individual, secondary benefits can be experienced by carers, family members and significant parties who themselves can be of any age and any level of ability. At Gascoigne House there are also 12 bungalows allocated to adults of a working age. This will be linked in to the citywide supported living framework and supported by the onsite provider covering the main extra care scheme site.

With regards older people accessing extra care, there is a positive impact in that the care provided within extra care offers a viable alternative to residential care and can help older people to remain living independently, in their own homes, for longer.

In carrying out the procurement the service specification has flagged equality, inclusion and diversity across the service. This is further supported by commitments made under the Social Value Statements.

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:	N/A
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Date to complete your impact assessment	N/A
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Lead person for your impact assessment (Include name and job title)	N/A
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6. Governance, ownership and approval

Please state here who has approved the actions and outcomes of the screening

Name	Job title	Date
Lisa Hanson	Programme Lead, Older People's Commissioning	16/05/2023
Date screening completed		16/05/2023

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

Appendix 2

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: n/a
For Delegated Decisions or Significant Operational Decisions – sent to appropriate Directorate	Date sent: 31/05/2023
All other decisions – sent to equalityteam@leeds.gov.uk	Date sent: n/a