

INITIAL EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) FORM

Name of policy / process / service / other	Remote Access to IT Network Services Policy	Date applicable	19/8/2019
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Responsible Staff Member:

EIA Assessor/s:

Directorate:

1. FIELD / SUBJECT

Function
 Policy
 Procedure / practice
 Service
 Strategy
 Document (if joint, state with whom)

Describe the main aim, objectives and intended outcomes of the above:

This policy is to provide clear guidance to staff, NHS organisations and other non-NHS organisation when using remote access as a method of accessing IT Network Services from an offsite location. All staff, NHS organisations, and third parties are to comply with this policy. This is to ensure secure and resilient remote access to the Trust's information systems is maintained, and the integrity, availability and confidentiality of these systems is preserved.

An initial screening should be undertaken first. This helps to identify whether there is a possibility that people might have different experiences of the function/ policy / process/ strategy compared to others.

This initial EIA simply assesses whether different groups of people who use a service are affected by the intended function / policy/ practice / strategy more, less or in a different way than other groups of people. A differential impact occurs when a particular group has been affected differently by this in either a positive or negative/adverse way.

An assessment of whether there is a differential impact will be based on two factors – quantitative monitoring data and qualitative information, including the expert opinion from the EIA assessor who is normally the manager responsible for the delivery as well as someone with a different perspective. This would ideally be one or more service users or someone related to the service. There will be times when involving someone for their technical expertise or someone with specialist knowledge will be appropriate and EIA assessors should consider this. You must assess **each** of the 9 areas separately and consider how your document in section 1 may affect people's human rights.

2. ASSESSMENT OF POSSIBLE ADVERSE IMPACT AGAINST ANY MINORITY GROUP

	Could the policy / service / function / other in section 1 have a significant negative impact on equality in relation to each area below?	Response		If YES, please state why and the evidence used in your assessment
		Yes	No	
1	Age		X	
2	Sex (Male and Female)		X	
3	Disability (Learning Difficulties / Physical or Sensory Disability)		X	
4	Race or Ethnicity		X	
5	Religion and Belief		X	
6	Sexual Orientation (gay, lesbian or heterosexual)		X	
7	Pregnancy and Maternity		X	
8	Gender Reassignment (the process of transitioning from one gender to another)		X	
9	Marriage and Civil Partnership		x	

You need to ask yourself:

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| • Will the policy / practice / service create any problems or barriers to any community or group? | Yes | No |
| • Will any group be excluded because of this? | Yes | No |
| • Will there be a negative impact on community relations ? | Yes | No |

If the answer to any of these questions is YES, you must complete a **FULL** Equality Impact Assessment. Contact the Corporate Governance Administrator and refer to the EIA Policy on the intranet.

3. POSITIVE IMPACT

	Could the policy / practice / service / other have a significant positive impact on equality by reducing inequalities that already exist? Explain how will it meet our duty to:	Response		If YES, please state why and the evidence used in your assessment
		Yes	No	
1	Promote equal opportunities		X	
2	Get rid of discrimination		X	
3	Get rid of harassment		X	
4	Promote good community relations		X	
5	Promote positive attitudes towards disabled people		X	
6	Encourage participation by disabled people		X	
7	Consider more favourable treatment of disabled people		X	
8	Promote and protect human rights		X	

4. SUMMARY

On the basis of the information/evidence/consideration so far, do you believe that the policy / practice / service / other will have a positive or negative adverse impact on equality?

POSITIVE			NEGATIVE			
High	Medium	Low	Nil	Low	Medium	High

Date Assessment completed: 19/8/2019	Is a <u>full</u> Equality Impact Assessment required? YES / NO
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