

# INITIAL EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) FORM

Name of policy / process / service / other	<b>Protocol for provision of direct access audiology services for adults with suspected hearing loss and/or tinnitus</b>	Date applicable	3 June 2019
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Responsible Staff Member: James Doran  
EIA Assessor/s: James Doran  
Directorate: Planned Care

## 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:

To identify minimum performance standards and describes assessment and management outcomes for adults with suspected hearing loss and/or non-troublesome tinnitus following a successful pilot service development trial.

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

### You need to ask yourself:

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

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 <b>significant positive impact</b> on equality by reducing inequalities that already exist? Explain how will it meet our duty to:		Response		If <b>YES</b> , please state why and the evidence used in your assessment
		Yes	No	
1	Promote <b>equal opportunities</b>		X	
2	Get rid of <b>discrimination</b>		X	
3	Get rid of <b>harassment</b>		X	
4	Promote <b>good community relations</b>		X	
5	Promote <b>positive attitudes</b> towards disabled people		X	
6	Encourage <b>participation</b> by disabled people		X	
7	Consider <b>more favourable treatment</b> of disabled people		X	
8	Promote and protect <b>human rights</b>		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: 3 June 2019	Is a <u>full</u> Equality Impact Assessment required? <b>NO</b>
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**COMPLETED BY**

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Head of Service	Justine Sweet		

**THIS EIA HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE MANAGER / HEAD OF SERVICE**

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Please send your completed EIA to the relevant committee / group for approval.  
Once approved, your EIA will be placed on the KHFT webpage for the public to view.