

INITIAL EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) FORM

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| Name of policy / process / service / other | Criteria for Accepting Women Who Live 'Out Of Area' for Care by Kingston Homebirth Team SOP | Date applicable | March 2022- March 2025 |
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Responsible Staff Member: Emma Spillane and Frances Rivers
 EIA Assessor/s: Maternity Guideline Group
 Directorate: Specialist Services- Maternity Service Line

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 ensure that requests for a homebirth by women who live 'out of area' are assessed on an individual basis and certain criteria before any decision is made.

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 |
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| | | Yes | No | |
| 1 | Age | | ✓ | |
| 2 | Sex (Male and Female) | | ✓ | |
| 3 | Disability (Learning Difficulties / Physical or Sensory Disability) | | ✓ | |
| 4 | Race or Ethnicity | | ✓ | |
| 5 | Religion and Belief | | ✓ | |
| 6 | Sexual Orientation (gay, lesbian or heterosexual) | | ✓ | |
| 7 | Pregnancy and Maternity | | ✓ | |
| 8 | Gender Reassignment (the process of transitioning from one gender to another) | | ✓ | |
| 9 | Marriage and Civil Partnership | | ✓ | |

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 |
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| | | Yes | No | |
| 1 | Promote equal opportunities | | ✓ | |
| 2 | Get rid of discrimination | | ✓ | |
| 3 | Get rid of harassment | | ✓ | |
| 4 | Promote good community relations | | ✓ | |
| 5 | Promote positive attitudes towards disabled people | | ✓ | |
| 6 | Encourage participation by disabled people | | ✓ | |
| 7 | Consider more favourable treatment of disabled people | | ✓ | |
| 8 | Promote and protect human rights | | ✓ | |

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 | | | | |
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| High | Medium | Low | Nil | Low | Medium | High | |

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| Date Assessment completed: 25/02/2022 | Is a <u>full</u> Equality Impact Assessment required? YES / NO |
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COMPLETED BY

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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.