South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust

# Equality, Good Relations and Human Rights Screening Template

## ***Completed Screening Templates are public documents and will be posted on the Trust's website***

See Guidance Notes for further background information on the relevant legislation and for help in answering the questions on this template (follow the links).

## (1) Information about the Policy/Proposal

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| (1.1) Name of the policy/proposal<br><br>Policy on the Access to Data for Organisations External to the Trust |

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| (1.2) Is this a new, existing or revised policy/proposal?<br><br>New |

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| (1.3) What is it trying to achieve (intended aims/outcomes)?<br><br>To promote awareness and to inform staff of their responsibilities in respect of arrangements in place for sharing data with external organisations |

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| (1.4) Are there any Section 75 categories (see list in 3.1) which might be expected to benefit from the intended policy/proposal?<br><br>Inclusive to all. |

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| (1.5) Who owns and who implements the policy/proposal - where does it originate, for example DHSSPS, HSCB?<br><br>This is a South Eastern Trust policy – management/ownership responsibility |

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(1.6) Are there any factors that could contribute to/detract from the intended aim/outcome of the policy/proposal/decision? (Financial, legislative or other constraints?)

No

(1.7) Who are the internal and external stakeholders (actual or potential) that the policy/proposal/decision could impact upon? (staff, service users, other public sector organisations, , trade unions, professional bodies, independent sector, voluntary and community groups etc)

Trust Staff

Partner organisation internal and external to the HSC and including the voluntary sector

Trust population notably patients and clients

(1.8) Other policies with a bearing on this policy/proposal **(**for example regional policies) - what are they and who owns them?

Data Protection Policy

Freedom of Information Policy and Procedures

DOH Good Management: Good Records

Records Management Policy

## (2) Available evidence

Evidence to help inform the screening process may take many forms. What evidence/information (both qualitative and quantitative) have you gathered to inform this policy? Specify details for relevant Section 75 categories.

| ***Details of evidence/information*** |
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| • UK General Data Protection Act 2021<br>• UK Data Protection Act 2018<br>• Service User Code of Confidentiality |

## (3) Needs, experiences and priorities

(3.1) Taking into account the information above what are the different needs, experiences and priorities of each of the Section 75 categories and for both service users and staff.

| ***Category*** | **Needs, experiences and priorities** | |
|---|---|---|
| | ***Service users*** | ***Staff*** |
| Gender | This policy is designed to meet the needs of all categories listed | This policy is designed to meet the needs of all categories listed |
| Age | | |
| Religion | | |
| Political Opinion | | |
| Marital Status | | |
| Dependent Status | | |

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|---|---|---|
| Disability | This policy is designed to meet the needs of all categories listed | This policy is designed to meet the needs of all categories listed |
| Ethnicity | | |
| Sexual Orientation | | |

(3.2) Provide details of how you have involved stakeholders, views of colleagues, service users and staff etc when screening this policy/proposal.

The policy was subject to internal consultation via the Digital Health & Information Governace Steering Committee. Wider consultation was not required

## (4) Screening Questions

You now have to assess whether the impact of the policy/proposal is major, minor or none. You will need to make an informed judgement based on the information you have gathered.

| ***(4.1) What is the likely impact of equality of opportunity for those affected by this policy/proposal, for each of the Section 75 equality categories?*** | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ***Section 75 category*** | ***Details of policy/proposal impact*** | | ***Level of impact? Minor/major/none*** |
| | ***Services Users*** | ***Staff*** | |
| Gender | | | None |
| Age | | | |
| Religion | | | |
| Political Opinion | | | |
| Marital Status | | | |
| Dependent Status | | | |
| Disability | | | |
| Ethnicity | | | |

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|---|---|---|---|
| Sexual Orientation | | | None |

| ***(4.2) Are there opportunities to better promote equality of opportunity for people within Section 75 equality categories?*** | |
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| ***Section 75 category*** | ***Please provide details*** |
| Gender | The policy is designed to meet the needs of all categories listed |
| Age | |
| Religion | |
| Political Opinion | |
| Marital Status | |
| Dependent Status | |
| Disability | |
| Ethnicity | |
| Sexual Orientation | |

| **(4.3)** ***To what extent is the policy/proposal likely to impact on good relations between people of different religious belief, political opinion or racial group? minor/major/none*** | | |
|---|---|---|
| ***Good relations category*** | ***Details of policy/proposal impact*** | ***Level of impact Minor/major/none*** |
| Religious belief | | None |
| Political opinion | | |
| Racial group | | |

| ***(4.4) Are there opportunities to better promote good relations between people of different religious belief, political opinion or racial group?*** | |
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| ***Good relations category*** | ***Please provide details*** |
| Religious belief | The policy is designed to meet the needs of all categories listed |
| Political opinion | |
| Racial group | |

## (5) Consideration of Disability Duties

| ***(5.1) How does the policy/proposal encourage disabled people to participate in public life and promote positive attitudes towards disabled people?*** |
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| *The Policy is developed in accordance with the legislation listed in Section 2.* |

## (6) Consideration of Human Rights

(6.1) Does the policy/proposal affect anyone's Human Rights?
Complete for each of the articles

| Article | Positive impact | Negative impact = human right interfered with or restricted | Neutral impact |
|---|---|---|---|
| Article 2 – Right to life | | | X |

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| Article 3 – Right to freedom from torture, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment | | | X |
| Article 4 – Right to freedom from slavery, servitude & forced or compulsory labour | | | X |
| Article 5 – Right to liberty & security of person | | | X |
| Article 6 – Right to a fair & public trial within a reasonable time | | | X |
| Article 7 – Right to freedom from retrospective criminal law & no punishment without law | | | X |
| Article 8 – Right to respect for private & family life, home and correspondence. | | | X |
| Article 9 – Right to freedom of thought, conscience & religion | | | X |
| Article 10 – Right to freedom of expression | | | X |
| Article 11 – Right to freedom of assembly & association | | | X |
| Article 12 – Right to marry & found a family | | | X |
| Article 14 – Prohibition of discrimination in the enjoyment of the convention rights | | | X |
| 1st protocol Article 1 – Right to a peaceful enjoyment of possessions & protection of property | | | X |
| 1st protocol Article 2 – Right of access to education | | | X |

**Please note: If you have identified potential negative impact in relation to any of the Articles in the table above, speak to your line manager and/or Equality Unit. It may also be necessary to seek legal advice.**

(6.2) Please outline any actions you will take to promote awareness of human rights and evidence that human rights have been taken into consideration in decision making processes.

- Monitor levels and severity of complaints received with regard to the management of records.

## (7) Screening Decision

**(7.1) Given the answers in Section 4, how would you categorise the impacts of this policy/proposal?**

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| Major impact | |
| Minor impact | |
| No impact | x |

**(7.2) Do you consider the policy/proposal needs to be subjected to ongoing screening**

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|---|---|
| Yes | |
| No | x |

**(7.3) Do you think the policy/proposal should be subject to and Equality Impact Assessment (EQIA)?**

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|---|---|
| Yes | |
| No | x |

(7.4) Please give reasons for your decision and detail any mitigation considered.

- Monitor levels and severity of complaints received with regard to the management of records.
- Review of Datix incidents involving data sharing

## (8) Monitoring

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| Please detail how you will monitor the effect of the policy/proposal for equality of opportunity and good relations, disability duties and human rights? |
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| • Monitor levels and severity of complaints received with regard to the management of records.<br>• Review of Datix incidents involving data sharing<br>• Reporting incidents to DHIG |

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