

## 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**

(1.1) Name of the policy/proposal

Care of the patient/client in the presence of an escorting officer

(1.2) Is this a new, existing or revised policy/proposal?

New

(1.3) What is it trying to achieve (intended aims/outcomes)?

Enhance the care and treatment of those patients/clients detained in custody. Provide HSC staff with information to ensure these patients are treated as individuals while maintaining dignity and respect.

(1.4) Are there any Section 75 categories (see list in 3.1) which might be expected to benefit from the intended policy/proposal?

No Specific 75 categories

(1.5) Who owns and who implements the policy/proposal - where does it originate, for example DHSSPS, HSCB?

SEHSCT

(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?)

This would be applicable if staff not aware of the policy

(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)

Has the potential to impact on all staff if relevant to their area of practice

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

NIPS and PSNI standard operating procedures and policies -

## (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.

<i>Details of evidence/information</i>
<p><b>Prison rules</b></p> <p><b>Governors Orders</b></p> <p><b>Security Orders</b></p> <p><b>Trust wide consultation</b></p> <p><b>Legal advice</b></p>

## (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.

<b>Category</b>	<b>Needs, experiences and priorities</b>	
	<b>Service users</b>	<b>Staff</b>
Gender	Applicable to male and female	N/A
Age	Irrespective of age if detained d	N/A
Religion	N/A	N/A
Political Opinion	N/A	N/A

Marital Status	N/A	N/A
Dependent Status	N/A	N/A
Disability	N/A	N/A
Ethnicity	N/A	N/A
Sexual Orientation	N/A	N/A

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

Policy was distributed for comment to SEHSCT staff, PSNI, and NIPS staff and legal advice was sought

#### (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.

<b>(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?</b>			
<b>Section 75 category</b>	<b>Details of policy/proposal impact</b>		<b>Level of impact? Minor/major/none</b>
	<b>Services Users</b>	<b>Staff</b>	
Gender			None
Age			None
Religion			None



Political Opinion			None
Marital Status			None
Dependent Status			None
Disability			None
Ethnicity			None
Sexual Orientation			None

<b>(4.2) Are there opportunities to better promote equality of opportunity for people within Section 75 equality categories?</b>	
<b>Section 75 category</b>	<b>Please provide details</b>
Gender	N/A
Age	N/A
Religion	N/A
Political Opinion	N/A
Marital Status	N/A
Dependent Status	N/A
Disability	N/A
Ethnicity	N/A
Sexual Orientation	N/A



<b>(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</b>		
<b>Good relations category</b>	<b>Details of policy/proposal impact</b>	<b>Level of impact Minor/major/none</b>
Religious belief		None
Political opinion		None
Racial group		None

<b>(4.4) Are there opportunities to better promote good relations between people of different religious belief, political opinion or racial group?</b>	
<b>Good relations category</b>	<b>Please provide details</b>
Religious belief	N/A
Political opinion	N/A
Racial group	N/A

**(5) Consideration of Disability Duties**

<b>(5.1) How does the policy/proposal encourage disabled people to participate in public life and promote positive attitudes towards disabled people?</b>
N/A

## (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
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
1 <sup>st</sup> protocol Article 1 – Right to a peaceful enjoyment of possessions & protection of property			X
1 <sup>st</sup> 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.

Staff training on Equality and Human Rights as part of the Trust wide training and awareness raising strategy

## **(7) Screening Decision**

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

Major impact	
Minor impact	X
No impact	

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

Yes	
No	x

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

Yes	
No	x



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

In section 6, some impact with regard to Human Rights Articles have been identified. This is beyond the control of the Trust as patients/clients are detained in line with NIPS and PSNI standard operating procedures and policies

### **(8) Monitoring**

Please detail how you will monitor the effect of the policy/proposal for equality of opportunity and good relations, disability duties and human rights?

Will include monitoring incident forms, complaints /compliments received. Communication between Safe and Effective care Manager and lead nurse for prisons.

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