

Equality, Good Relations and Human Rights Screening Template

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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

Policy for Burial or Cremation of the Dead

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

Revised for Trust previously UCHT policy

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

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that where an individual dies and the Trust has to assume responsibility for burial or cremation that this is carried out in a caring, expeditious manner and is culturally sensitive.

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

People of different ages i.e. mainly children / older people / individuals with a disability / people with or without dependants

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

DHSSPS and locally implemented by Trust

(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?)

Financial implications

(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)

Parent / Relatives or next of kin of deceased or those with parental responsibility

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

Children Order (NI) 1995

Health and Personal Social Services (NI) Order 1972 (Article 25 & 39)

Health and Personal Social Services (NI) Order 1991 (Article 25) Welfare Services Act (NI) 1971 (Section 25)

Multi-Cultural & Beliefs Handbook, 2013

(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

Previous applications

Financial data

(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		
Age	Affects all ages, principally young and older people	
Religion		
Political Opinion		
Marital Status		
Dependent Status	Impacts on people who may not have any family	
Disability		
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.

Implementation of policy previously introduced at UCHT.

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

(4.2) Are there opportunities to better promote equality of opportunity for people within Section 75 equality categories?	
Section 75 category	Please provide details
Gender	
Age	
Religion	Promotion of Multi-cultural handbook which provides specific information on burial for different religious groups
Political Opinion	
Marital Status	
Dependent Status	
Disability	

Ethnicity	Promotion of Multi-cultural handbook which provides specific information on burial for different minority ethnic groups
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		None
Racial group		None

(4.4) Are there opportunities to better promote good relations between people of different religious belief, political opinion or racial group?	
Good relations category	Please provide details
Religious belief	Multi-cultural Handbook, 2013
Political opinion	Multi-cultural Handbook, 2013
Racial group	Multi-cultural Handbook, 2013

(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?
By providing a dignified burial / cremation

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

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

(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	
No impact	√

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

Yes	
No	√

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

Yes	
No	√

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

Major impact not identified.



(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?

Monitoring of usage of policy
Monitoring of complaints / compliments

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