

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 RELEASE OF A BABY, CHILD OR YOUNG PERSON FROM
WOMAN AND ACUTE CHILD HEALTH DIRECTORATE AFTER DEATH**

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

(1.3) What is it trying to achieve (intended aims/outcomes)? This policy outlines the procedure for the release of deceased children from the Woman & Acute Child Health Directorate and applies to all staff, employed by the South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust, who care for children within this directorate

(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

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

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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)

Mothers/Parents and extended families of deceased children

Medical and Midwifery staff Woman and acute child health directorate

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

Sands Guidelines 2007 Pregnancy loss and the death of a baby: Guidelines for professionals.
DHSSPS, 2008, Guidance on Death Stillbirth and Cremation Certification

SET Policy for Consent to Post-mortem Examination,

SET Policy on the Management of Bereavement,

SET Policy on Pregnancy Loss, and Neonatal Death and

SET Policy on the Access to Interpreting Services for People from a Minority Ethnic Background.

Stillbirth (N.I) Order 1992.

In addition the DHSSPS: Guidance on Death Stillbirth and Cremation Certification 2008 should be consulted if required.

(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>SET Policy on the Management of Bereavement,</p> <p>SET Policy on Pregnancy Loss, and Neonatal Death and</p> <p>SET Policy on the Access to Interpreting Services for People from a Minority Ethnic Background.</p> <p>Stillbirth (N.I) Order 1992.</p> <p>In addition the DHSSPS: Guidance on Death Stillbirth and Cremation Certification 2008 should be consulted if required.</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.

Category	Needs, experiences and priorities	
	<i>Service users</i>	<i>Staff</i>
Gender	None	None
Age	None	None
Religion	None	None
Political Opinion	None	None

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

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

Policy went through the Trust consultation process, including lead Midwifery and medical staff. The Trusts parents' reference group were also consulted on the document.

(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	None	None
Age	None	None	None
Religion	Policy encourages adherence to the different cultural and	Policy encourages adherence to the different cultural and	Minor

	religious needs of individuals and groups.	religious needs of individuals and groups.	
Political Opinion	None	None	None
Marital Status	None	None	None
Dependent Status	None	None	None
Disability	None	None	None
Ethnicity	None	None	None
Sexual Orientation	None	None	None

<i>(4.2) Are there opportunities to better promote equality of opportunity for people within Section 75 equality categories?</i>	
<i>Section 75 category</i>	<i>Please provide details</i>
Gender	No
Age	No
Religion	Policy encourages adherence to the different cultural and religious needs of individuals and groups.
Political Opinion	No
Marital Status	No
Dependent Status	No
Disability	No
Ethnicity	No
Sexual Orientation	No

(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	Policy encourages adherence to the different cultural and religious needs of individuals and groups.	Minor
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	Policy encourages adherence to the different cultural and religious needs of individuals and groups.
Political opinion	No
Racial group	No

(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?
The policy is written in accordance to the Trusts anti-discrimination guidance

(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.

(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	
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No	√
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(7.4) Please give reasons for your decision and detail any mitigation considered.

The policy promotes greater choice for all women and parents impacted by the death of a baby, child or young person in the woman and acute child health directorate.

(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?

Policy will be reviewed in 3 yearly.

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