

## 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

Protocol for the Decontamination of Equipment used in the Administration of Drugs via Nebuliser within the Trust Hospitals

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

Revision to current protocol

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

Maintain the safety of patients receiving nebulisers in hospital. Ensuring equipment is managed correctly

(1.4) Are there any Section 75 categories (see list in 3.1) which might be expected to benefit from the intended policy/proposal? Applicable to nebulisers used for treatment in all patients including those in section 75



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

Best practice guidelines;

Clinical Resource Efficiency Team (CREST) (2006). "Guidelines for the Prevention of Infection and Decontamination of Respiratory Equipment in Northern Ireland".

DHSSPSNI. August 2006

British Thoracic Society (2007). "Nebuliser Treatment Best Practice Guideline."

<http://www.brit-thoracic.org.uk/clinical-information/nebuliser-treatment-best-practice/nebuliser-treatment-best-practice-guideline.aspx>

Nebulised Colistimethate sodium (or colistin) – BTS Guideline for non-CF Bronchiectasis July 2010

BTS Guideline for non-CF bronchiectasis July 2010

Royal Marsden Clinical Nursing Procedures Manual 9<sup>th</sup> Edition

(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). **None**

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

Northern Ireland Regional Infection control Manual Public Health Agency

## (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>This protocol is to ensure best practice evidence based guidelines around the management of nebulising equipment on all patients</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	Will use the equipment as part of treatment	Will manage the equipment and support the patient in the management of this during the course of treatment
Age	Will use the equipment as part of treatment	Will manage the equipment and support the patient in the management of this during the course of treatment

Religion	Will use the equipment as part of treatment	Will manage the equipment and support the patient in the management of this during the course of treatment
Political Opinion	Will use the equipment as part of treatment	Will manage the equipment and support the patient in the management of this during the course of treatment
Marital Status	Will use the equipment as part of treatment	Will manage the equipment and support the patient in the management of this during the course of treatment
Dependent Status	Will use the equipment as part of treatment	Will manage the equipment and support the patient in the management of this during the course of treatment
Disability	Will use the equipment as part of treatment	Will manage the equipment and support the patient in the management of this during the course of treatment
Ethnicity	Will use the equipment as part of treatment	Will manage the equipment and support the patient in the management of this during the course of treatment
Sexual Orientation	Will use the equipment as part of treatment	Will manage the equipment and support the patient in the management of this during the course of treatment

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

Respiratory Specialist have been involved in this review. This will be sent to colleagues for consultation as part of Trust protocol

#### (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?**

<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	None	None
Age	None	None	None
Religion	None	None	None
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

##### **(4.2) Are there opportunities to better promote equality of opportunity for people within Section 75 equality categories?**

<b>Section 75 category</b>	<b>Please provide details</b>
Gender	This protocol is written to inform best practice around the care management of nebulising equipment and should not impact on any of the categories listed in this section 4.2
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**

<b>Good relations category</b>	<b>Details of policy/proposal impact</b>	<b>Level of impact Minor/major/none</b>
Religious belief	This protocol is written to inform best practice around the care management of nebulising equipment and does not affect relations in the categories in section 4.3	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?**

<b>Good relations category</b>	<b>Please provide details</b>
Religious belief	As for 4.3 None
Political opinion	As for 4.3 None
Racial group	As for 4.3 None

## (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?**

This is not applicable

## (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.

The protocol is aimed to ensure that all patients nebulising equipment is managed in accordance with best practice guidelines. A review and investigation will be undertaken in the event that a situation arises in the future.



**(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	x

**(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.**

The best practice guideline should ensure that equipment is managed in a standard way for all patients regardless of category and should not affect human rights.



**(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?  
As for 6.2 above

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