

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

Insertion and Ongoing Confirmation of the Position of Nasogastric and Orogastric Feeding Tubes in Adults (includes procedure for insertion of NG tube with an introducer)

(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 applies to all health and social care staff involved in the care and treatment of patients who have, or require, the insertion of a NG / OG feeding tube. Only staff trained and assessed as competent in insertion of NG/OG tubes should attempt insertion of a tube.

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

N/A

(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?)

Only staff trained in this procedure should practice it

(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).

All staff who are involved with patients who have a naso gastric tube in place or require a naso gastric tube.

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

NPSA: Issued Patient Safety Alerts in 2005, 2011 and 2012 following reports of patient death and harm caused by misplaced NG feeding tubes.

(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

National Patient Safety Agency (2005) **Reducing the harm caused by misplaced nasogastric feeding tubes**, February
 National Nurses Nutrition Group (2012) Good Practice Guideline, Safe insertion of Nasogastric (NG) feeding Tubes in Adults (Not on-going care).
 National Patient Safety Agency (2011) **Reducing the harm caused by misplaced nasogastric feeding tubes in adults, children and infants**, March
 National Patient Safety Agency (2012) **Harm from flushing of nasogastric tubes before confirmation of placement** NPSA/2012/RRR001March
 Payne-James J (1995) Enteral Nutrition: Tubes and Techniques of Delivery in Payne-James J Grimble G Silk D (1995) **Artificial Nutritional Support in Clinical Practice** p.197 - 213. Edward Arnold London.
 Walley and Wong (2000), Paediatric Variations of Nursing Interventions. **Clinical Manual of Nursing Procedures Tube Feeding in Children** ch. 21 p.680 - 682.
 Procedure for insertion of Naso Gastric Tube with an Introducer : **Adapted from the National Nurses Nutrition Group (NNNG) Good Practice Guideline: Safe insertion of Naso gastric Tubes in Adults** (March 2012) (NHS/PSA/RE/2016/006) Nasogastric Tube Misplacement: Continuing Risk of Death and Severe Harm

(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	All	All
Age	Adults over the age of 16	All
Religion	All	All
Political Opinion	All	All

Marital Status	All	All
Dependent Status	All	All
Disability	All	All
Ethnicity	All	All
Sexual Orientation	All	All

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

Initially Regional work

The policy was consulted on with nominated consultees in line with usual Trust policy

(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	Over 16 years		None
Age			None
Religion			None

Political Opinion			None
Marital Status			None
Dependent Status			None
Disability			None
Ethnicity			None
Sexual Orientation			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	N/A
Age	Applicable only to over 16 years
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

(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	N/A
Political opinion	N/A
Racial group	N/A

(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?
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 st protocol Article 1 – Right to a peaceful enjoyment of possessions & protection of property			x
1 st 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.

Service users, we believe that with the implementation of this policy the health and well-being of service users will be enhanced.
For staff, the guidance is detailed in this policy .

(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.

This policy will only enhance patient care and safety .

(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?

This policy will be monitored via the incident reporting system

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