

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 Requesting Portable Imaging Examinations

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

Revised

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

The policy defines the acceptable criteria for requesting a portable imaging examination for medical professionals who are authorised to request imaging examinations. Adherence will ensure unnecessary portable imaging is undertaken and therefore benefit patients and staff in relation to radiation dose.

(1.4) Are there any Section 75 categories 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?

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?)

Ward staff and rotational medical staff not having been made 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)

All Trust Employees who work with ionising and non ionising radiation. Medically Professionals who are authorised to request imaging examinations, Radiographers, Consultant Radiologists.

Chief Executive, Medical Director and Chair of Radiation Protection & MRI Sub-Committee,

Clinical Director of Radiology, Radiology Services Manager, Radiation Protection Supervisor, Medical Physics Expert Advisor, Service Engineers and other Radiation Safety Committee members.

Health and Safety Executive for Northern Ireland and RQIA, Health Estates, Radiological Sciences and Imaging Service Northern Ireland, and Risk Assessment Team SEHSCT.

Patients.

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

Ionising Radiation Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2017

Approved Code of Practice Health and Safety Executive for Northern Ireland

Health & Safety at Work (N.I) Order 1978-Article 4(3)

Employers Procedures-SEHSCT

(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>Ionising Radiation Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2017</p> <p>Approved Code of Practice Health and Safety Executive for Northern Ireland</p> <p>Health & Safety at Work (N.I) Order 1978-Article 4(3)</p> <p>Policy reviewed by Radiation Safety Committee.</p> <p>Policy sent out for consult. Feedback reviewed and considered.</p> <p>Complaints monitoring/DatixWeb</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.

<i>Category</i>	<i>Make up</i>	
	<i>Service users</i>	<i>Staff</i>
Gender	-	

Age	-	
Religion	-	
Political Opinion	-	
Marital Status	-	
Dependent Status	-	
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.

Through appropriate consultation processes

Radiation Safety Committee Meetings

Policy Committee

Intranet

(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
	Staff	Service Users	
Gender	-	-	-

Age	-	-	-
Religion	-	-	-
Political Opinion	-	-	-
Marital Status	-	-	-
Dependent Status	-	-	-
Disability	-	-	-
Ethnicity	“	“	“
Sexual Orientation	-	-	-

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

(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	
Political opinion	
Racial group	

(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?

(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.

Training (E&HR)

(7) Screening Decision

(7.1) How would you categorise the impacts of this decision or 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.

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(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?

Requests for portable imaging examinations will be subject to audit one month after the implementation of this policy and every six months thereafter.

Policy has a review date

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