

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

Pre-operative Fasting Guidelines for Infants, Children and Young People up to their 16th Birthday

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

A new guideline – there is currently only an adult fasting guideline

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

To provide staff with advice on pre-operative fasting for infants and children

To minimise the volume of gastric contents and therefor reduce the risk of pulmonary aspiration

To capitalise on the benefits of minimising fasting times in a safe manner

(1.4)

Are there any Section 75 categories (see list in 3.1) which might be expected to benefit from this guideline? This guideline is focused on the paediatric population. It aims to safely minimise the adverse effects of prolonged peri-operative fasting. Namely; hypoglycaemia, decreased gastric pH, thirst, irritability, parental dissatisfaction. Some of these events are more marked in the paediatric population.



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

The South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust

(1.5) Are there any factors that could contribute to/detract from the intended aim/outcome (Financial, legislative or other constraints?)

Not applicable

(1.7)

Who are the internal and external stakeholders (actual or potential) that the policy/proposal (staff, service users, other public sector organisations, , trade unions, professional bodies, voluntary and community groups etc)

Service users

Health and social care staff – namely the peri-operative team (surgeons, anaesthetists, the staff) and the ward nursing team.

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

Diabetic Children undergoing surgery. South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust

<http://iconnect/HospitalServices/Paediatrics/PaedsDiabetes/Documents/Management%20of%20>

(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

Association of Paediatric Anaesthetists of Great Britain and Ireland. Consensus statement
<https://www.apagbi.org.uk/sites/default/files/paragraphs/files/Fasting%20ConsensusStatement.pdf>

American Society of Anaesthesiologists (2011). Practice Guidelines for Preoperative Fasting to Reduce the Risk of Pulmonary Aspiration: Application to Healthy Patients

European Society of Anaesthesiology (2011). Perioperative fasting in adults and children: guidelines from the European Society of Anaesthesiology.

(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	None	None
Age	None	None
Religion	Fasting for religious purposes may be relevant to some older	None

	children. This guideline should not impact on this practice – patients are merely to be offered a drink.	
Political Opinion	None	None
Marital Status	None	None
Dependent Status	None	None
Disability	Children with disabilities may need physical help or prompting to comply with this guideline	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.

This guideline was written following discussion of an audit project (which examined paediatric fasting times on the emergency theatre list) at the anaesthetic department audit meeting. This allowed the views of anaesthetic colleagues to be accounted for. The audit project itself included a staff survey on the topic of paediatric peri-operative fasting and included ward nursing staff, theatre staff, surgeons across a range of specialties and anaesthetists.

(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, outside the scope of the intended scope of the guideline
Religion			Minor
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	No
Age	This guideline is specifically for the paediatric population. Currently the guidance for this age group is included in the adult guideline on the same topic, and is not specific. This new guideline allows the specific needs of children to be considered and attended to.
Religion	No
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		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	No
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?

This policy provides clear guidance during the peri-operative pathway. It empowers all service users (under the age of 16) and their parents/carers to participate in and have control over their peri-operative care.

(6) Consideration of Human Rights

(6.1)

Does the policy/proposal affect anyone's Human Rights? Complete for each of the article

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.
This policy has no impact on human rights.

Error!(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 an Equality Impact Assessment (EQIA)?

Yes	
No	X

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

This policy has very minor impact on equality and good relations.

(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?

Review of any relevant Datix forms

Approved Lead Officer: _____

Position: _____

Date: _____

Policy/proposal screened by: _____



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