

## 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

Management of Adult Patients requiring Antimicrobials under the Enhanced Care at Home (ECAH) or Hospital At Home (HAH) service

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

Revised Policy

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

These guidelines are intended to give consistent trust-wide guidance on the Management of Patients requiring Antimicrobials under the Enhanced Care at Home (ECAH) or Hospital At Home service. This guideline sets out recommendations for appropriate clinical conditions and drug regimens for GP-initiated, ECAH Consultant-led care, and SET Geriatrician-led care for patients with infection managed via the ECAH/HAH service.

(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)

Staff, service users, SELCG GPs

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

Guidelines for the prescribing, administration and monitoring of intravenous Teicoplanin in adults

Guidelines for the prescribing, administration and monitoring of intravenous aminoglycosides in adults excluding ICU/HDU  
Insertion and Care Management of Central Venous Access Devices in Adults

Clinical Guidelines for the Insertion, Care and Management of Peripheral Venous Cannula (including Extended –Dwell Peripheral Intravenous (ED-PIV) Cannula up to 6cms), Midline catheters (7.5-20cms) and associated IV Access equipment

Northern Ireland Primary Care Antimicrobial Guidelines

## (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*

#### **EVIDENCE BASE / REFERENCES**

- Local and Peer Consensus
- Regional and National Guidelines based on recommendations of British Thoracic Society and British Society for Antimicrobial Chemotherapy
- Teicoplanin versus vancomycin for proven or suspected infection (Review) by Cavalcanti AB, Goncalves AR, Almeida CS, Bugano DDG, Silva E, The Cochrane Library 2010, Issue 6
- MHRA Alert 2024 - Systemic fluoroquinolones must now only be prescribed when other commonly recommended antibiotics are inappropriate  
<https://www.gov.uk/drug-safety-update/fluoroquinolone-antibiotics-must-now-only-be-prescribed-when-other-commonly-recommended-antibiotics-are-inappropriate>
- NICE Guidance NG141. Cellulitis and erysipelas: antimicrobial prescribing. September 2019.
- Urinary tract infection (lower): antimicrobial prescribing. NICE guideline [NG109] October 2018
- Pyelonephritis (acute): antimicrobial prescribing. NICE guideline [NG111] October 2018
- Pneumonia (community-acquired): antimicrobial prescribing. NICE guideline [NG138]. Published date: September 2019

- Start Smart then Focus antimicrobial stewardship guidance  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/antimicrobial-stewardship-start-smart-then-focus>

### (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	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.

The guidelines were reviewed by a multidisciplinary team consisting of Trust consultant microbiologists, antimicrobial pharmacists and infection prevention and control lead nurses, in consultation with the ECAH/HAH Lead Geriatricians, Nurses and Pharmacist.

#### (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

<b>(4.2) Are there opportunities to better promote equality of opportunity for people within Section 75 equality categories?</b>	
<b>Section 75 category</b>	<b>Please provide details</b>
Gender	No
Age	No
Religion	No
Political Opinion	No
Marital Status	No
Dependent Status	No
Disability	No
Ethnicity	No
Sexual Orientation	No

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



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<b>(4.4) Are there opportunities to better promote good relations between people of different religious belief, political opinion or racial group?</b>	
<b>Good relations category</b>	<b>Please provide details</b>
Religious belief	NO
Political opinion	No
Racial group	No

**(5) Consideration of Disability Duties**

<b>(5.1) How does the policy/proposal encourage disabled people to participate in public life and promote positive attitudes towards disabled people?</b>
N/A

**(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			Neutral impact
Article 3 – Right to freedom from torture, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment			Neutral impact
Article 4 – Right to freedom from slavery, servitude & forced or compulsory labour			Neutral impact
Article 5 – Right to liberty & security of person			Neutral impact
Article 6 – Right to a fair & public trial within a reasonable time			Neutral impact
Article 7 – Right to freedom from retrospective criminal law & no punishment without law			Neutral impact
Article 8 – Right to respect for private & family life, home and correspondence.			Neutral impact
Article 9 – Right to freedom of thought, conscience & religion			Neutral impact
Article 10 – Right to freedom of expression			Neutral impact
Article 11 – Right to freedom of assembly & association			Neutral impact
Article 12 – Right to marry & found a family			Neutral impact
Article 14 – Prohibition of discrimination in the enjoyment of the convention rights			Neutral impact
1 <sup>st</sup> protocol Article 1 – Right to a peaceful enjoyment of possessions & protection of property			Neutral impact
1 <sup>st</sup> protocol Article 2 – Right of access to education			Neutral impact

**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	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.

**(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?

Regular audit of antimicrobial prescribing practice under the ECAH/HAH service model.

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