



# Equality Impact Assessment

Preliminary assessment form v5 / 2013

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The preliminary impact assessment is a quick and easy screening process. It should:

- identify those policies, projects, services, functions or strategies which require a full EIA by looking at:
  - negative, positive or no impact on any of the equality groups
  - opportunity to promote equality for the equality groups
  - data / feedback
- prioritise if and when a full EIA should be completed
- justify reasons for why a full EIA is not going to be completed

**Directorate:**

Director of Community & communications

**Function e.g. HR,  
IS, carers:**

Education, Children and Young People Scrutiny Panel

**Title of policy, service, function, project or strategy (new or old) :**

Education, Children and Young People Scrutiny Panel review into how well Portsmouth City Council and partners are preventing and dealing with Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE).

**Type of policy, service, function, project or strategy:**

- Existing
- New / proposed
- Changed

### Q1 - What is the aim of your policy, service, function, project or strategy?

The objectives of the scrutiny review were: To evaluate the work of the Missing, Exploited and Trafficked (MET) operational group, to evaluate how effectively young people at risk of CSE in Portsmouth are identified and the interventions offered to young people at risk of being exploited, to consider how effectively the risks of exploitation are being minimised by the Council and partners, to review feedback from service users and to investigate how effectively the local authority works with other agencies to tackle CSE and how they ensure prosecution of perpetrators. The recommendations arising from the review will be considered by Cabinet.

### Q2 - Who is this policy, service, function, project or strategy going to benefit or have a detrimental effect on and how?

The report considers how well Portsmouth City Council and partners are preventing and dealing with child sexual exploitation and outlines the measures in place to protect young people at risk of CSE. The ECYP scrutiny panel's recommendations seek to improve outcomes for young people at risk of sexual exploitation and build upon the excellent work that is already taking place to ensure that awareness of this issue continues to be raised.

During the review the panel received evidence from the Missing, Exploited and Trafficked (MET) Operational Group, Hampshire Police the Portsmouth Safeguarding Children's Board (PSCB) and a number of other agencies and council officers who involved in helping young people at risk of CSE. Feedback from three young people who had previously been at risk of CSE was also received by the panel. This informed the panel about the support these young people had received and their experience of this. This helped the panel to formulate their conclusions and recommendations.

### Q3 - Thinking about each group below, does, or could the policy, service, function, project or strategy have a negative impact on members of the equality groups below?

Group	Negative	Positive / no impact	Unclear
Age	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Disability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Race	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gender	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Transgender	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sexual orientation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Religion or belief	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pregnancy and maternity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other excluded groups	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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If the answer is "negative" or "unclear" consider doing a full EIA

**Q4 - Does, or could the policy, service, function, project or strategy help to promote equality for members of the equality groups?**

Group	Yes	No	Unclear
Age	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Disability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Race	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gender	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Transgender	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sexual orientation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Religion or belief	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pregnancy or maternity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other excluded groups	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If the answer is "no" or "unclear" consider doing a full EIA

**Q5 - Do you have any feedback data from the equality groups that influences, affects or shapes this policy, service, function, project or strategy?**

Group	Yes	No	Unclear
Age	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Disability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Race	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gender	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Transgender	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Sexual orientation

Religion or belief

Pregnancy and maternity

Other excluded groups

If the answer is "no" or "unclear" consider doing a full EIA

**Q6 - Using the assessments in questions 3, 4 and 5 should a full assessment be carried out on this policy, service, function or strategy?**

yes  No

**Q7 - How have you come to this decision?**

The ECYP scrutiny panel's recommendations do not have any negative impact on any of the protected characteristics and are intended to improve outcomes for young people at risk of CSE. The recommendations require Cabinet approval. Evidence was provided by a number of organisations who are working alongside the council to tackle sexual exploitation and the panel also received some feedback from young people previously at risk of CSE about the service and support received. If the schemes/actions within the report's recommendations are taken forward individual EIA's may need to be completed.

If you have to complete a full EIA please contact the Equalities and diversity team if you require help  
Tel: 023 9283 4789 or email:equalities@portsmouthcc.gov.uk

**Q8 - Who was involved in the EIA?**

Lisa Gallacher, Local Democracy Officer

**This EIA has been approved by:** Vicki Plytas, Senior Local Democracy Officer

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Please email a copy of your completed EIA to the Equality and diversity team. We will contact you with any comments or queries about your preliminary EIA.

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