

<b>Form name</b>	Integrated Impact Assessment
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## Policy details

<b>Request date</b>	03/10/2023 21:17
<b>Directorate</b>	PCC Children Families and Education
<b>Service</b>	Special Guardianship Support - Fostering Service
<b>Title of policy, service, function</b>	Special Guardianship Order (SGO) Policy
<b>Type of policy, service, function</b>	Changed
<b>What is the aim of your policy, service, function, project or strategy?</b>	For the policy to comply with legislation, statutory practice and case law, supporting permanence for children in their family network.
<b>Has any consultation been undertaken for this proposal?</b>	no

## Equality & diversity - will it have any positive/negative impacts on the protected characteristics?

<b>With the above in mind and following data analysis, who is the policy, service, function, project or strategy going to benefit or have a detrimental effect on and how?</b>	<p>The revised Special Guardianship Order (SGO) Policy sets out open and transparent guidance for both staff and families to ensure that support is accessed from a range of services and is appropriately targeted to meet the assessed needs of children/young people subject to a Special Guardianship Order, in accordance with regulations.</p> <p>The main focus of the revised policy is to support increased permanence for children in their family network, complying with legislation, statutory practice and case law.</p>
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<p><b>Will any of those groups be affected in a different way to others because of your policy, project, service, function, or strategy?</b></p>	<p>The revised policy is a fairer reflection of the Special Guardianship Regulations 2005 and the DfES guidance to the regulations. These guidance and regulations govern the processes by which local authorities exercise their discretion in determining requests for special guardianship support services, including Regulation 6 financial support. The finance policy has been developed to set the parameters to ensure all special guardianship carer applications for financial assistance are treated fairly and lawfully. The revised policy will pay financial support after assessment until a child is 18 or there is a change of circumstances.</p>
<p><b>If you are directly or indirectly discriminating, how are you going to mitigate the negative impact?</b></p>	<p>Some special guardian carers financial payments have been stopped since 2017 and it may be that they require a further financial assessment to determine a need to backdate payments and for payments to continue in line with the policy. To date 45 carers have been identified where this may apply, and we will be writing to them to undergo a new financial assessment to determine whether they are eligible for any further financial support.</p>
<p><b>Who have you consulted with or are planning to consult with and what was/will be your consultation methodology?</b></p>	<p>Feedback from special guardianship carers has been received but there has been no formal consultation.</p>
<p><b>How are you going to review the policy, service, project or strategy, how often and who will be responsible?</b></p>	<p>The policy will be reviewed annually by the Head of Children We Care For.</p>

### **Crime - Will it make our city safer?**

<p><b>This section is not applicable to my policy</b></p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
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### **Housing - will it provide good quality homes?**

<b>This section is not applicable to my policy</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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### **Health - will this help promote healthy, safe and independent living?**

<b>Please expand on the impact your policy/proposal will have, and how you propose to mitigate any negative impacts?</b>	The policy should promote the opportunity for young people to live within their families which in turn would promote their emotional health and wellbeing.
<b>How are you going to measure/check the impact of your proposal?</b>	It will not be possible to measure/check the impact of the proposal.

### **Income deprivation and poverty - will it consider income deprivation and reduce poverty?**

<b>Please expand on the impact your policy/proposal will have, and how you propose to mitigate any negative impacts?</b>	The policy should promote the opportunity for young people to live within their families which in turn would enable them to be better supported. Special guardianship carers will be financially supported if appropriate following a financial assessment.
<b>How are you going to measure/check the impact of your proposal?</b>	Data showing the numbers of special guardianship carers receiving a financial payment from Portsmouth Council.

### **Carbon emissions - will it reduce carbon emissions?**

<b>This section is not applicable to my policy</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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**Energy use - will it reduce energy use?**

This section is not applicable to my policy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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**Climate change mitigation and flooding - will it proactively mitigate against a changing climate and flooding?**

This section is not applicable to my policy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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**Natural environment - will it ensure public spaces are greener, more sustainable and well-maintained?**

This section is not applicable to my policy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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**Air quality - will it improve air quality?**

This section is not applicable to my policy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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**Transport - will it make transport more sustainable and safer for the whole community?**

This section is not applicable to my policy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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**Waste management - will it increase recycling and reduce the production of waste?**

<b>This section is not applicable to my policy</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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**Culture and heritage - will it promote, protect and enhance our culture and heritage?**

<b>This section is not applicable to my policy</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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**Employment and opportunities - will it promote the development of a skilled workforce?**

<b>This section is not applicable to my policy</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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**Economy - will it encourage businesses to invest in the city, support sustainable growth and regeneration?**

<b>This section is not applicable to my policy</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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**Social value**

<b>This section is not applicable to my policy</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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**Involvement**

<b>Who was involved in the Integrated impact assessment?</b>	Mark Jowett, Head of Service, Children We Care For
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<b>Name of the person completing this form</b>	Mark Jowett
<b>Date of completion</b>	2023-10-03