

Equality, Good Relations and Human Rights SCREENING

The Health and Social Care Board is required to consider the likely equality implications of any policies or decisions. In particular it is asked to consider:

- 1) What is the likely impact on equality of opportunity for those affected by this policy, for each of the section 75 equality categories? (Minor, major or none)
- 2) Are there opportunities to better promote equality of opportunity for people within the Section 75 equality categories?
- 3) To what extent is the policy likely to impact on good relations between people of a different religious belief, political opinion or racial group? (minor, major or none)
- 4) Are there opportunities to better promote good relations between people of a different religious belief, political opinion or racial group?

See [Guidance Notes](#) for further information on the 'why' 'what' 'when', and 'who' in relation to screening, for background information on the relevant legislation and for help in answering the questions on this template.

As part of the audit trail documentation needs to be made available for all policies and decisions examined for equality and human rights implications. The screening template is a pro forma to document consideration of each screening question.

For information (evidence, data, research etc.) on the Section 75 equality groups see the Equality and Human Rights Information Bank on the BSO website:

<http://www.hscbusiness.hscni.net/services/1798.htm>

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(1) INFORMATION ABOUT THE POLICY OR DECISION

1.1 Title of policy or decision

Refurbishment of bathrooms (installation of sensor sink taps, toilet flush handles and sensor lighting), as COVID-19 measure at HSCB Western Office, Gransha Park House, 15 Gransha Park, Clooney Road, Derry, BT47 6FN

1.2 Description of policy or decision

Maintenance of existing infrastructure in HSCB Western Office, Gransha Park House, 15 Gransha Park , Clooney Road, Derry, BT476FN

The condition of the property is closely monitored and where appropriate, risk assessments are undertaken. The following have been identified as requiring work to maintain or enhance areas and install or replace fixtures and fittings:-

To complete all building, mechanical and electrical works for the refurbishment of 18 cubicles and sinks in all bathroom areas in Gransha Park House. To install hands-free sensor sink taps, toilet flushes and lighting in all bathroom areas in Gransha Park House.

1.3 Main stakeholders affected (internal and external)

For example staff, actual or potential service users, other public sector organisations, voluntary and community groups, trade unions or professional organisations or private sector organisations or others

HSCB staff
PHA staff

BSO staff
WHSCCT catering and domestic services staff
Visitors
Contractors staff providing services to Gransha Park House, 15 Gransha Park,
Clooney Road, Derry, BT47 6FN
Trade Union and professional organisations
Representatives from Community and Voluntary Organisations

1.4 Other policies or decisions with a bearing on this policy or decision

- **what are they?**
- **who owns them?**

HSCB Health and Safety Policy
HSCB Fire Safety Policy
HSCB Security Policy
HSCB Fire and Evacuation Procedures for 12/22 Linenhall Street, Belfast
Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) (2010)
Health and Safety at Work (NI) Order 1978
Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations (NI)2000
Fire and Rescue Services (NI) Order 2006
The Fire Safety Regulations (NI) Order 2010
The Water Environment (Water Framework Directive) Regulations (Northern
Ireland) 2017
The Drainage (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations (Northern
Ireland) 2017

(2) CONSIDERATION OF EQUALITY AND GOOD RELATIONS ISSUES AND EVIDENCE USED

2.1 Data Gathering

What information did you use to inform this equality screening? For example previous consultations, statistics, research, Equality Impact Assessments (EQIAs), complaints. Provide details of how you involved stakeholders, views of colleagues, service users, staff side or other stakeholders.

HSCB staff monitoring Data – December 2020
Census 2011
Northern Ireland Pooled Household Survey (NIPHS) tables, published 2017
Northern Ireland Life and Times Survey, 2016

2.2 Quantitative Data

Who is affected by the policy or decision? Please provide a statistical profile. Note if policy affects both staff and service users, please provide profile for both.

What is the makeup of the affected group? (%) Are there any issue or problems? For example, a lower uptake that needs to be addressed or greater involvement of a particular group?

Gender	Male	27.69%		
	Female	72.31%		
Age	16-24	1.00%		
	25-29	3.39%		
	30-34	6.97%		
	35-39	10.76%		
	40-44	15.34%		
	45-49	16.53%		
	50-54	21.31%		
	55-59	16.33%		
	60-64	7.37%		
	>=65	1.00%		
Religion	Perceived Protestant	3.98%		
	Protestant	29.68%		
	Perceived Roman Catholic	1.79%		
	Roman Catholic	44.82%		
	Neither	5.38%		
	Perceived Neither	0.00%		
	Not assigned	14.34%		
Political Opinion	Broadly Nationalist	2.19%		
	Other	2.19%		
	Broadly Unionist	1.59%		
	Not assigned	91.04%		
	Do not wish to answer	2.99%		
Marital Status	Divorced	3.98%		
	Mar/CP	54.98%		
	Other	1.39%		
	Separat	1.59%		
	Single	13.75%		
	Unknwn	24.30%		
	Widw/R	0.00%		
	Not assigned	0.00%		
Dependent	Yes	10.76%		

Status	Not assigned	86.25%		
	No	2.99%		
Disability	No	60.16%		
	Not assigned	37.65%		
	Yes	2.19%		
Ethnicity	Not assigned	65.74%		
	White	34.06%		
	Other	0.20%		
	Black African	0.00%		
	Indian	0.00%		
	Chinese	0.00%		
Sexual Orientation	Do not wish to answer	0.40%		
	Not assigned	89.44%		
	Opposite sex	9.56%		
	same sex	0.40%		
	Both sexes	0.20%		

2.3 Qualitative Data

What are the different needs, experiences and priorities of each of the categories in relation to this policy or decision and what equality issues emerge from this? Note if policy affects both staff and service users, please discuss issues for both.

Category	Needs and Experiences
Gender	No detrimental impacts on the grounds of gender
Age	No particular needs on the grounds of age
Religion	No particular needs on the grounds of religion
Political	No particular needs on the grounds of political opinion

Opinion	
Marital Status	No particular needs on the grounds of marital status
Dependent Status	No particular needs on the grounds of dependent status
Disability	Information on how the toilet flush handles, sink taps, and lights with sensor systems operate will be provided to persons with sight loss.
Ethnicity	No particular needs on the grounds of ethnicity
Sexual Orientation	No particular needs on the grounds of sexual orientation

2.4 Multiple Identities

Are there any potential impacts of the policy or decision on people with multiple identities? For example; disabled minority ethnic people; disabled women; young Protestant men; and young lesbians, gay and bisexual people.

NO

2.5 Based on the equality issues you identified in 2.2 and 2.3, what changes did you make or do you intend to make in relation to the policy or decision in order to promote equality of opportunity?

<i>In developing the policy or decision what did you do or change to address the equality issues you identified?</i>	<i>What do you intend to do in future to address the equality issues you identified?</i>
The replacement of the toilet flush handles, sink taps, and lights with sensor systems will improve hygiene for users who have restricted use of their hands or other	N/A

<p>disabilities. Information will be produced to advise staff and visitors on how the new sensor systems will operate.</p>	
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2.6 Good Relations

What changes to the policy or decision – if any – or what additional measures would you suggest to ensure that it promotes good relations? (refer to guidance notes for guidance on impact)

<i>Group</i>	<i>Impact</i>	<i>Suggestions</i>
Religion	N/A	
Political Opinion	N/A	
Ethnicity	N/A	

(3) SHOULD THE POLICY OR DECISION BE SUBJECT TO A FULL EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT?

A full equality impact assessment (EQIA) is usually confined to those policies or decisions considered to have major implications for equality of opportunity.

How would you categorise the impacts of this decision or policy? (refer to guidance notes for guidance on impact)

Please tick:

Major impact	
Minor impact	X
No further impact	

Do you consider that this policy or decision needs to be subjected to a full equality impact assessment?

Please tick:

Yes	
No	X

Please give reasons for your decisions.

The programme of works is technical in nature and the few equality issues identified will be addressed through the measures planned.

(4) CONSIDERATION OF DISABILITY DUTIES

4.1 In what ways does the policy or decision encourage disabled people to participate in public life and what else could you do to do so?

<i>How does the policy or decision currently encourage disabled people to participate in public life?</i>	<i>What else could you do to encourage disabled people to participate in public life?</i>
	N/A

4.2 In what ways does the policy or decision promote positive attitudes towards disabled people and what else could you do to do so?

<i>How does the policy or decision currently promote positive attitudes towards disabled people?</i>	<i>What else could you do to promote positive attitudes towards disabled people?</i>
N/A	

(5) CONSIDERATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

5.1 Are Human Rights relevant?

Complete for each of the articles

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

*If you have answered no to all of the above please move onto to move on to **Question 6** on monitoring*

5.2 If you have answered yes to any of the Articles in 5.1, does the policy or decision have a potential positive impact or does it potentially interfere with anyone’s Human Rights?

List the Article Number	Positive impact or potential interference?	How?	Does this raise any legal issues? Yes/No

** It is important to speak to your line manager on this and if necessary seek legal opinion to clarify this*


5.3 Outline any actions which could be taken to promote or raise awareness of human rights or to ensure compliance with the legislation in relation to the policy or decision.

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(6) MONITORING

6.1 What data will you collect in the future in order to monitor the effect of the policy or decision on any of the categories (for equality of opportunity and good relations, disability duties and human rights)?

Equality & Good Relations	Disability Duties	Human Rights
The Programme of Works when completed will be monitored and information collected in relation to any complaints received and feedback from staff/visitors with a disability.		

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Please note that having completed the screening you are required by statute to publish the completed screening template, as per your organisation's equality scheme. If a consultee, including the Equality Commission, raises a concern about a screening decision based on supporting evidence, you will need to review the screening decision.

**Please forward completed template to:
Equality.Unit@hscni.net**

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