

EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

SCREENING DOCUMENT

Directorate	Health and Community	Division	Older People and Independent Living Services	Person Responsible for Assessment	Ruth McDonogh Divisional Manager Independent Living Services
Name of the Policy/Strategy	Modernisation of day services for disabled and older people	Date of Assessment	August 2009	Is this a New or Existing Policy?	New strategy
1	What are the aims and objectives of the Policy / Strategy?	<p>Aim: To promote independence and enable people to participate more fully in community activities and to exercise more choice and control over how they spend time.</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To identify, with service users and carers, preferred day activities; • To identify and assess the suitability of a range of satellite venues and pilot the use of these venues as alternatives to traditional building based day services; • To make recommendations to improve the accessibility of community venues to improve provision for the wider community; • To enable people to participate more fully in universal services; • To enable service user to gain or regain confidence to participate as members of the community; and • To help service users to prepare for the arrival of Individual Budgets. 			
2	What outcomes are wanted from the Policy / Strategy?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased service user independence; • Increased social inclusion; • Increased use of universal services; • More accessible environment for all; and • Increased take up of Direct Payments and Individual Budgets. 			

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3	Who is intended to benefit from the Policy / Strategy, and how?	Disabled people generally and specifically current users of Bridgewater Day Centre
4	Who are the main stakeholders in the Policy / Strategy?	Users of Bridgewater Day Centre and their carers, staff of Bridgewater Day Centre, other disabled people, care managers, Councillors, other professionals.
5	Who implements the Policy / Strategy and has responsibility for it?	Managers of day services and care management services.
6	Are there any associated Policies / Strategies or objectives?	Valuing People, Putting People First, Transforming Social Care, Personalisation agenda, day service strategies for other service user groups and Council priorities including: A healthy Halton, A safer Halton and Corporate effectiveness and business efficiency.

7	Could the Policy / Strategy have a differential impact (positive or negative) :			
		Yes	No	Evidence
a	On Racial Groups		x	Modernised service to be provided to all users regardless of racial group
b	Due to Gender		x	Ditto
c	Due to Disability	x		Although the strategy is initially aimed at enabling disabled people to use other than traditional day services and will therefore impact positively on them other

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				community members who experience restrictions to access, for example, people with young children, will also benefit.
d	Due to Sexual Orientation		x	
e	Due to Age	x		Improvements in the accessibility of the environment will benefit people with young children and older people as well as disabled people.
f	Due to Religion		x	
8	Available statistical/qualitative information relevant to the Policy / Strategy and equality issues			23,780 people in Halton regard themselves as having a limiting long-term illness. The percentage of people enabled to live at home in Halton has risen from 82 per 1,000 population in 2002-03 to XX per 1,000 population in 2008-09. The percentage of people over 65 in Halton is set to rise by 56.6 per cent from 16,000 in 2007 to 26,000 in 2028.
9	Could the Policy / Strategy affect relations between different groups in the Borough?			The strategy will improve the relationship between disabled people and the wider community as they are enabled to participate more fully in community activities and are recognised for their skills and experience.
10	Could the Policy / Strategy damage relations between groups in the Borough and the Authority?			Some people, who are not familiar with disabled people taking an active role in the community, may take time to adjust to this development.

DECISION

Does the Policy / Strategy:	Eliminate unlawful discrimination	Yes	x	No	
	Promote equality of opportunity	Yes	x	No	
	Promote good relations between different groups in the community	Yes	x	No	
Impact Assessment: High / Low / None (delete as appropriate)					
Agreed By		Date			
Actions to Be Taken:					
				Yes	No
1	Collect more evidence				
2	Conduct formal consultations				
3	Reconsider Policy / Strategy				
4	Resubmit Policy / Strategy				
5	Adopt Policy / Strategy				
6	Make monitoring arrangements				
7	Publish assessment results				

Additional Comments: