

PART B – Equality Analysis Form

As a public authority we need to ensure that all our strategies, policies, service and functions, both current and proposed have given proper consideration to equality and diversity.

This form:

- Can be used to prompt discussions, ensure that due regard has been given and remove or minimise disadvantage for an individual or group with a protected characteristic
- Involves looking at what steps can be taken to advance and maximise equality as well as eliminate discrimination and negative consequences
- Should be completed before decisions are made, this will remove the need for remedial actions.

Note – An Initial Equality Screening Assessment (Part A) should be completed prior to this form.

When completing this form consider the Equality Act 2010 protected characteristics Age, Disability, Sex, Gender Reassignment, Race, Religion or Belief, Sexual Orientation, Civil Partnerships and Marriage, Pregnancy and Maternity and other socio-economic groups e.g. parents, single parents and guardians, carers, looked after children, unemployed and people on low incomes, ex-offenders, victims of domestic violence, homeless people etc. – see page 11 of Equality Screening and Analysis Guidance.

1. Title	
Equality Analysis title: Safety Valve Intervention – agreement between RMBC and DfE	
Date of Equality Analysis (EA): 8.2.22	
Directorate: CYPS	Service area: Education and Inclusion
Lead Manager: Nathan Heath – Assistant Director of Education and Inclusion	Contact number:
Is this a:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Strategy / Policy	<input type="checkbox"/> Service / Function
<input type="checkbox"/> Other	
If other, please specify	

2. Names of those involved in the Equality Analysis (Should include minimum of three people) - see page 7 of Equality Screening and Analysis Guidance

Name	Organisation	Role (eg service user, managers, service specialist)
Nathan Heath	RMBC	Assistant Director – Education and Inclusion
Julie Day	RMBC	Head of Service - SEND
Dean Fenton	RMBC	Head of Service – Access to Education

3. What is already known? - see page 10 of Equality Screening and Analysis Guidance

Aim/Scope (who the Policy/Service affects and intended outcomes if known)

This may include a group/s identified by a protected characteristic, others groups or stakeholder/s e.g. service users, employees, partners, members, suppliers etc.)

Children and Young People with identified SEND needs.

What equality information is available? (Include any engagement undertaken)

Previous Equalities Impact Assessments (EIA) aligned to SEND sufficiency phases 1, 2 and 3 and EIA aligned to individual SEND capital projects and prescribed alterations to maintained schools.

Are there any gaps in the information that you are aware of?

None identified

What monitoring arrangements have you made to monitor the impact of the policy or service on communities/groups according to their protected characteristics?

Monitoring via CYPS SEND Board which is a multi-agency partnership.

Engagement undertaken with customers. (date and group(s) consulted and key findings)

Engagement with a range of stakeholders from 2017 to date to inform SEND phase 1, 2 and 3 sufficiency programmes, prescribed alterations to maintained special schools, development of the Written Statement of Action linked to the Ofsted / CQC inspection of SEND across the Rotherham partnership in July 2021 and development of the safety valve intervention submission to DfE.

Engagement undertaken with staff (date and group(s) consulted and key findings)

Staff both within RMBC and wider partner agencies have been consulted in all above stated phases.

4. The Analysis - of the actual or likely effect of the Policy or Service (Identify by protected characteristics)

How does the Policy/Service meet the needs of different communities and groups? (Protected characteristics of Age, Disability, Sex, Gender Reassignment, Race, Religion or Belief, Sexual Orientation, Civil Partnerships and Marriage, Pregnancy and Maternity) - see glossary on page 14 of the Equality Screening and Analysis Guidance)

Meets RMBC priority to ensure 'Every child able to fulfil their potential' by improving accessibility to schools and creating specialist provision aligned to mainstream education with dedicated resources to meet the needs of children and young people with SEND.

Does your Policy/Service present any problems or barriers to communities or Groups?

No – the proposals aim to improve the offer for children and Young People with identified SEND needs .

Does the Service/Policy provide any positive impact/s including improvements or remove barriers?

Yes – the proposals will provide a positive impact by improving accessibility to education and access to specialist educational resources. (inclusive of circa at least 150+ additional SEND places),

What affect will the Policy/Service have on community relations? (may also need to consider activity which may be perceived as benefiting one group at the expense of another)

The proposals will have a positive impact on accessing the education and support offer for children with identified SEND needs by improving accessibility and creating specialist provision aligned to mainstream education.

Please list any **actions and targets** that need to be taken as a consequence of this assessment on the action plan below and ensure that they are added into your service plan for monitoring purposes – see page 12 of the Equality Screening and Analysis Guidance.

5. Summary of findings and Equality Analysis Action Plan

If the analysis is done at the right time, i.e. early before decisions are made, changes should be built in before the policy or change is signed off. This will remove the need for remedial actions. Where this is achieved, the only action required will be to monitor the impact of the policy/service/change on communities or groups according to their protected characteristic – See page 11 of the Equality Screening and Analysis guidance

Title of analysis: Safety Valve Intervention – agreement between RMBC and DfE
Directorate and service area: CYPS
Lead Manager: Nathan Heath
Summary of findings:
By entering into a Safety Valve Intervention agreement, this will create a funding stream to improve the SEND offer and access to education for children and Young People with identified SEND needs.
There would be no adverse effects on any characteristics or groups of children and Young People as the proposal will enhance support and access for those with identified SEND needs.

Action/Target	State Protected Characteristics as listed below	Target date (MM/YY)
Seek approval to enter into a Safety Valve Intervention agreement	A, D	April 2022
Consult stakeholders on proposals brought forward	A,D	April / May 2022
Report on capital investment projects – seeking approvals to commence as appropriate	A,D	July 2022
Commence capital project works programme	A,D	August 2022

*A = Age, D= Disability, S = Sex, GR Gender Reassignment, RE= Race/ Ethnicity, RoB= Religion or Belief, SO= Sexual Orientation, PM= Pregnancy/Maternity, CPM = Civil Partnership or Marriage. C= Carers, O= other groups

6. Governance, ownership and approval		
Please state those that have approved the Equality Analysis. Approval should be obtained by the Director and approval sought from DLT and the relevant Cabinet Member.		
Name	Job title	Date
Nathan Heath	Assistant Director – Education and Inclusion	8.3.22
Julie Day	Head of Service – SEND	8.3.22
Dean Fenton	Head of Service – Access to Education	8.3.22
CYPS DLT		

7. Publishing	
The Equality Analysis will act as evidence that due regard to equality and diversity has been given.	
If this Equality Analysis relates to a Cabinet, key delegated officer decision, Council, other committee or a significant operational decision a copy of the completed document should be attached as an appendix and published alongside the relevant report.	
A copy should also be sent to equality@rotherham.gov.uk For record keeping purposes it will be kept on file and also published on the Council’s Equality and Diversity Internet page.	
Date Equality Analysis completed	8.3.22
Report title and date	
Date report sent for publication	
Date Equality Analysis sent to Performance, Intelligence and Improvement equality@rotherham.gov.uk	