

## PART A - Initial Equality Screening Assessment

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.

A **screening** process can help judge relevance and provide a record of both the process and decision. Screening should be a short, sharp exercise that determines relevance for all new and revised strategies, policies, services and functions.

Completed at the earliest opportunity it will help to determine:

- the relevance of proposals and decisions to equality and diversity
- whether or not equality and diversity is being/has already been considered, and
- whether or not it is necessary to carry out an Equality Analysis (Part B).

Further information is available in the Equality Screening and Analysis Guidance – see page 9.

1. Title	
<b>Title: Confirmation of Supplementary Public Health Grants for 2025/26 and approval of grant spend</b>	
<b>Directorate: Public Health</b>	<b>Service area: Commissioning</b>
<b>Lead person:</b> Jen Armitage	<b>Contact:</b> Jennifer.armitage@rotherham.gov.uk
Is this a:	
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Strategy / Policy</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Service / Function</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Other</b>	
<b>If other, please specify</b>	

2. Please provide a brief description of what you are screening
The Officer Decision Record to allocate a Single Infrastructure Grant to Voluntary Action Rotherham (VAR) under the Single Infrastructure Agreement 2024-27 between the Council and VAR, in order to deliver the additional activities required in the utilisation of the Drug and Alcohol Treatment and Recovery Grant (DATRIG) 2025/26.

**Background:**

The Cabinet report sets out recommendations relating to continuation of several supplemental public health grants (Supplemental Substance Misuse Treatment and Recovery Grant (SSMTRG) and Inpatient Detoxification Grant (IPD)). These two grants have been combined for 25/26 under the Drug and Alcohol Treatment and Recovery Improvement Grant (DATRIG).

### 3. Relevance to equality and diversity

All the Council's strategies/policies, services/functions affect service users, employees or the wider community – borough wide or more local. These will also have a greater/lesser relevance to equality and diversity.

The following questions will help you to identify how relevant your proposals are.

When considering these questions think about 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.

Questions	Yes	No
Could the proposal have implications regarding the accessibility of services to the whole or wider community?	Yes	
Could the proposal affect service users?	Yes	
Has there been or is there likely to be an impact on an individual or group with protected characteristics?	Yes	
Have there been or likely to be any public concerns regarding the proposal?	Yes	
Could the proposal affect how the Council's services, commissioning or procurement activities are organised, provided, located and by whom?	Yes	
Could the proposal affect the Council's workforce or employment practices?		No

If you have answered no to all the questions above, please explain the reason

If you have answered **no** to all the questions above please complete **sections 5 and 6**.

If you have answered **yes** to any of the above please complete **section 4**.

### 4. Considering the impact on equality and diversity

If you have not already done so, the impact on equality and diversity should be considered within your proposals before decisions are made.

Considering equality and diversity will help to eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and take active steps to create a discrimination free society by meeting a group or individual's needs and encouraging participation.

Please provide specific details for all three areas below using the prompts for guidance and complete an Equality Analysis (Part B).

- **How have you considered equality and diversity?**

The DATRIG is a continuation of grants approved by Cabinet in 2022 and 2024, EIAs have previously been completed for each of the grants which can be found here:

[Public Health Proposals for Drugs and Alcohol Grant 2022-2025](#)

[Public Health Proposals for Drugs and Alcohol Grant 2022-2025 - Annual update](#)

- **Key findings**

Although there are equalities implications for each of these grants, due to that fact that equalities screenings were completed for the previous Cabinet reports and there has been no change in the equality's implications for each grant in regard to protected characteristics, it was deemed appropriate to follow those EIAs when considering the approval of the continuation of these grants.

- **Actions**

Due to there being no change in the equality's implications of these grants, and the EIAs from previous papers still being completely relevant, no further action is needed for the continuation of these grants.

Date to scope and plan your Equality Analysis:	N/A see above
Date to complete your Equality Analysis:	N/A see above
Lead person for your Equality Analysis (Include name and job title):	N/A see above

## 5. Governance, ownership and approval

Please state here who has approved the actions and outcomes of the screening:

Name	Job title	Date
Lizzie Bowden	Commissioning Officer	24/04/25
Jennifer Armitage	Operational Commissioner	24/04/25

## 6. Publishing

This screening document will act as evidence that due regard to equality and diversity has been given.

If this screening 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 of **all** screenings should also be sent to [equality@rotherham.gov.uk](mailto: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.

<b>Date screening completed</b>	24/04/25
<b>Report title and date</b>	Officer decision to allocate a Single Infrastructure Grant to Voluntary Action Rotherham (VAR) under the Single Infrastructure Agreement 2024-27 between the Council and VAR
<b>If relates to a Cabinet, key delegated officer decision, Council, other committee or a significant operational decision – report date and date sent for publication</b>	Cabinet report of 17 <sup>th</sup> March 2025
<b>Date screening sent to Performance, Intelligence and Improvement</b> <a href="mailto:equality@rotherham.gov.uk">equality@rotherham.gov.uk</a>	24/04/2025