

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	
Title: Officer Decision Record to award a contract (Work Order) to Connect Healthcare Rotherham CIC to deliver the additional activities required in the utilisation of the Local Stop Smoking Services and Support Grant 2026/27.	
Directorate: Adult Care, Housing and Public Health	Service area: Public Health
Lead person: Michael Ng, Operational Commissioner – Public Health	Contact: Michael.ng@rotherham.gov.uk
Is this a:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Strategy / Policy	<input type="checkbox"/> Service / Function
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other
If other, please specify: Commissioned Service	

2. Please provide a brief description of what you are screening
The award of a contract (Non-Core Work Order) to Connect Healthcare Rotherham CIC to receive funding for additional activity. The contract (Non-Core Work Order) is required to deliver specific activities in the utilisation of the of the Local Stop Smoking Services and Support Grant 2026/27, which was agreed by Cabinet on 16 March 2026 (link).

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? <i>(Be mindful that this is not just about numbers. A potential to affect a small number of people in a significant way is as important)</i>		X
Could the proposal affect service users? <i>(Be mindful that this is not just about numbers. A potential to affect a small number of people in a significant way is as important)</i>		X
Has there been or is there likely to be an impact on an individual or group with protected characteristics? <i>(Consider potential discrimination, harassment or victimisation of individuals with protected characteristics)</i>		X
Have there been or likely to be any public concerns regarding the proposal? <i>(It is important that the Council is transparent and consultation is carried out with members of the public to help mitigate future challenge)</i>		X
Could the proposal affect how the Council's services, commissioning or procurement activities are organised, provided, located and by whom? <i>(If the answer is yes you may wish to seek advice from commissioning or procurement)</i>		X
Could the proposal affect the Council's workforce or employment practices? <i>(If the answer is yes you may wish to seek advice from your HR business partner)</i>		X

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

As described in the Cabinet Paper of 16 March 2026 ([link](#)), Rotherham has received confirmation of the Public Health Grant for 2026/27 and Cabinet has given approval of the grant spending including the Local Stop Smoking Services and Support Grant.

Funding has been allocated to Connect Healthcare Rotherham CIC (Connect) to continue the delivery of additional service provision relating to the Local Stop Smoking Services and Support Grant 2026/27 aims.

The service activities are already being delivered by Connect Healthcare Rotherham CIC there are no changes, and this is a continuation of service, therefore there will be no further impact.

A full part B was completed at the time of the previous Cabinet Decision on 17 March 2025 ([link](#)) and there are no changes.

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?**

N/A

- **Key findings**

N/A

- **Actions**

N/A

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

5. Governance, ownership and approval

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

Name	Job title	Date
Michael Ng	Operational Commissioner	23/3/26
Hannah Walshe	Commissioning Officer	23/3/26

Emily Parry-Harries	Director of Public Health	
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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 For record keeping purposes it will be kept on file and also published on the Council's Equality and Diversity Internet page.

Date screening completed	23/3/2026
Report title and date	Officer Decision Record to award a contract (Work Order) to Connect Healthcare Rotherham CIC to deliver the additional activities required in the utilisation of the Local Stop Smoking Services and Support Grant 2026/27.
If relates to a Cabinet, key delegated officer decision, Council, other committee or a significant operational decision – report date and date sent for publication	Officer Decision April 2026
Date screening sent to Performance, Intelligence and Improvement equality@rotherham.gov.uk	