

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: Children's Commissioners Takeover Challenge, Young Carers' Update

Directorate:
CYPS

Service area:
Commissioning

Lead person:

Sean Hill

Contact number:

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Is this a:

Strategy / Policy

 Service / Function

 Other

If other, please specify

This equality analysis relates to an update report that is being provided to the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board following on from actions and recommendation made when Rotherham Youth Cabinet and Rotherham Young Carers, supported by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board, participated in a Children's Commissioner's Takeover Challenge in April 2019. The theme of the takeover was linked to Rotherham Youth Cabinet's manifesto aim of:

"We want to work alongside the Young Carers' Council to ensure young carers have the same opportunities as adult carers in accessing free activities whilst in their caring role"

The update will also be presented at Cabinet in September 2020.

2. Please provide a brief description of what you are screening

Following on from the Children’s Commissioners Takeover Challenge in April 2019 a number of recommendations and actions were made by Overview Scrutiny Management Board (OSMB). RMBC and Partners are exploring options to increase Young Carers’ access to discounted or free leisure activities and transport to help give them a break from their caring role.

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</i>	X	

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<i>commissioning or procurement)</i>		
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		

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?**

(think about the scope of the proposal, who is likely to be affected, equality related information, gaps in information and plans to address, consultation and engagement activities (taken place or planned) with those likely to be affected)

It is anticipated Young Carers will be affected positively by proposals contained in the report.

- **Key findings**

(think about any potential positive and negative impact on different equality characteristics, potential to promote strong and positive relationships between groups, potential to bring groups/communities into increased contact with each other, perception that the proposal could benefit one group at the expense of another)

Young Carers are currently not able to access concessions that are available to adult carers.

- **Actions**

(think about how you will promote positive impact and remove/reduce negative impact)

The actions and recommendations contained in the report and the progress

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<i>update is seeking to remove the disparity between young carers and adult carers particularly in relation to access to free or discounted leisure activities in Rotherham.</i>	
Date to scope and plan your Equality Analysis:	01/04/2020
Date to complete your Equality Analysis:	01/05/2020
Lead person for your Equality Analysis (Include name and job title):	Sean Hill Strategic Commissioning Manager CYPS

5. Governance, ownership and approval

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

Name	Job title	Date
Jenny Lingrell	Joint Assistant Director Commissioning, Performance & Inclusion	28/02/2020

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 28/02/2020	
Reviewed 27/07/20	
Report title and date	Children's Commissioners Takeover Challenge, Young Carers Update – Cabinet September 2020

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If relates to a Cabinet, key delegated officer decision, Council, other committee or a significant operational decision – report date and date sent for publication	Cabinet report 23 March 2020
Date screening sent to Performance, Intelligence and Improvement equality@rotherham.gov.uk	28/02/2020 Resent 27/07/20