

Policy Control Procedure Equality Impact Assessment Form

See Equality Impact Assessment Policy and Procedure for detailed guidance on how to complete this form.

Section 1: Purpose and scope of policy

Title	Policy Control Procedure
New or existing	Existing
Owner	Ania Rolewska
Officer(s) undertaking the EIA	Ania Rolewska Consulted Claire Beynon
What does the policy aim to achieve?	Confirm the roles and responsibilities of PSOW staff for submission, review, storage and publication of policies and equality impact assessments (EIAs) Explain the procedure for the submission of new policies and the review of existing policies and what supporting information is required.
How is the policy related to other areas of work?	The policy is relevant to the management of all PSOW policies
Who is likely to be affected by this policy?	Policy Owners Staff, PSOW service users and general public (to the extent that the policy defines the requirements for Welsh language translations, Easy Read versions and Equality Impact Asessments)

Section 2: Assessment of relevance and proportionality

Key points to remember:

- to assess relevance you <u>must</u> consider evidence related to all equality characteristics
- you must record <u>all</u> evidence considered in <u>section 4</u> of this form.

Question	No	Yes	Comments
Does the policy relate to PSOW's equality objectives and identified actions?			The procedure helps to manage all PSOW policies – it does not relate specifically to any policy objectives.
Does the policy relate to functions that evidence, or previous activities have identified as being important to, particular characteristics?			The procedure helps to manage all PSOW policies – it does not relate specifically to any groups of people.
Does the policy relate to an area where there are known inequalities, or a significant potential for reducing inequalities or improving outcomes?	\boxtimes		See above.
Is there evidence to suggest that this policy may affect:			
equal treatment of people with certain characteristics			
meeting the needs of people with equality characteristics (including through provision of reasonable adjustments)		\boxtimes	The policy specifies the requirements for Easy Read versions of PSOW policies. This affects specifically people with learning disabilities, and potentially people whose first language is not English or Welsh.
participation of people with equality characteristics	\boxtimes		
community relations between different equality groups	\boxtimes		
Is there evidence to suggest that this policy may influence disadvantage due to people's socio-economic status?	\boxtimes		
Is there evidence to suggest that this policy may affect opportunities for people to use Welsh or affect how PSOW treats the Welsh language?		\boxtimes	The policy specifies the requirements for Welsh versions of PSOW policies. This is in line with the Welsh Langugae Standards.

If you answer 'yes' to any of these questions, proceed to $\underline{\text{section 3.}}$

If a policy is not deemed relevant for conducting a full EIA, proceed to section 4.

Section 3: Full Equality Impact Assessment

Key points to remember:

- you must consider at this stage any need for collection of further evidence including through engagement with groups potentially affected by the policy;
- you must record <u>all</u> evidence informing this stage in <u>section 4</u> of this form.

Characteristic		egati mpac		ositiv mpac	n/a	Justification based on the evidence considered Proposed actions to mitigate negative impact /maximise		Negative impact			impact		
General aspects	H	M	H	M		The procedure confirms that all PSOW new and revised policies must be accompanied by Equality Impact Asessesments. This is in line with PSOW duties under the Equality Act 2010 and specific Welsh equality duties.	positive impact	<u>H</u>	M		H	<u>M</u> □	
Age													
Disability						The procedure states that Easy Read versions of policies should be created for all policies which, based on an Equality Impact Assessment, are found to be particularly relevant to the accessibility of PSOW's service and/or people with learning disabilities. This clause was modified during the review, as the original procedure committed PSOW to produce Easy Read of all policies published on the website.	The revised version of this clause is justified by proportionality – i.e. limited number of PSOW policies with impact on the wider public and/or relevant to this particular group.						
Gender													
Gender reassignment													
Marriage & civil partnership													

Characteristic	Negative impact Positive impact Natification based on the evidence considered Proposed actions to mitigate negative impact /maximise			egati npac		Po ir	_								
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Pregnancy & maternity							\boxtimes								
Race								The procedure states that Easy Read versions of policies should be created for all policies which, based on an Equality Impact Assessment, are found to be particularly relevant to the accessibility of PSOW's service and/or people who are not fluent in English or Welsh. This clause was modified during the review, as the original procedure committed PSOW to produce Easy Read of all policies published on the website.	The revised version of this clause is justified by proportionality - i.e. limited number of PSOW policies with impact on the wider public and/or relevant to this particular group.						
Religion or belief															
Sexual orientation							\boxtimes								
Socio-economic status															
Welsh language								The procedure confirms that all PSOW policies must be published in English and Welsh at the same time, internally and externally. This is in line with PSOW duties under Welsh Language Standards.							

Section 4: Register of evidence and engagement

Existing evidence considered							
Equality screening							
Equality Impact Assessment	Foundation for people with learning disabilities guidance Making written information easier to understand for people with learning disabilities, Department of Health						
Additional evidence co	llected						
Equality screening							
Method of evidence collection							
Record of the evidence collected							
Date completed							
Equality Impact Assess	sment						
Method of evidence collection							
Record of the evidence collected							
Date completed							

Section 5: Outcomes report

EIA stage completed	Screening							
	Impact assessment							
Outcome of the EIA procedure	Proceed with policy							
	Make changes to p	olicy						
	Do not proceed wit	h policy						
Action plan (full EIA only)				<u> </u>				
Where actions are required to mit please specify:	gate the level of neg	ative impact or maxi	mise positive	impact,				
Key issue	Action to be Responsible Date for completion							
Monitoring (full EIA only)								
Please outline monitoring arrangements								
Please specify responsible officer								
Publication needs (full EIA only)								
Was the impact deemed as substantial (high)?	Yes, in terms of general aspects of the policy and the Welsh language.							
Authorised by the MT								
Date	11/01/2022							