

Equality Impact Assessment



Name of project/proposal

Day Opportunities for People with a Disability

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Purpose for project/proposal

The County Council wish to apply minimum standards to the provision of Day Opportunities for people with disabilities in Hampshire. This will relate predominantly to people with Learning Disabilities, but may also affect some people with Physical Disabilities or other social care needs, if they attend Day Opportunity providers in scope for the project. The minimum standards will relate to key service delivery elements such as personalisation, quality, outcomes, risk management and price. This is not possible within the current contractual arrangements and will require a procurement process to establish new contractual arrangements. The minimum standards will be articulated in the service specification, and HCC will provide support to providers to understand and implement the required standards. It is proposed that the procurement process is operated under the Light Touch Regime. This means that HCC will be able to create a bespoke procurement vehicle for Day Opportunities, which will reflect the diverse span of activity currently delivered. The procurement vehicle will operate like an approved list of providers, which service users can choose from. This will ensure that HCC can maximise service user choice and control. Permission is requested to spend on new contracts under the new procurement regime.

Consultation

Has a consultation been carried out?

No

Statutory considerations

Impact

Age	None
Disability	Low
Sexual orientation	None
Race	None
Religion and belief	None
Gender reassignment	None
Sex	None
Marriage and civil partnership	None
Pregnancy and maternity	None

Other policy considerations

Poverty	None
Rurality	Low
Other factors	None

If other please describe

Geographical impact

All Hampshire

Have you identified any medium or high impact?*

Yes

No

Why do you consider that your project/proposal will have low or no impact?

The procurement approach selected will allow service users to exercise a high degree of choice in how their assessed eligible needs are met. The County Council intend to maximise the support available to provider organisations to gain access to the procurement vehicle, and providers who fail to gain access will be able to re-apply once they meet the minimum criteria.

Should a service user with assessed eligible needs be unable to source a suitable provider, alternative services will be offered. This will involve a menu of options depending on the person's specific circumstances, but may involve shared support sessions located in the community.

Final decision date

Final decision date due

18 Jan 2015

Decision to be made by

Executive Member