

Equality Impact Assessment



Name of project/proposal

Appropriate Adult Service

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Adult Services

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Purpose for project/proposal

Appropriate Adults protect the rights and welfare, through support, advice and assistance, of an arrested person at a Police station, who the Police deemed to be vulnerable. This is defined in the Police and Criminal Evidence Act (PACE) 1984, Code of Practice C. Hampshire County Council commissions a countywide Appropriate Adult service for vulnerable adults who have been arrested, are witnesses or victims. The current contract expires on 30 June 2016.

Consultation

Has a consultation been carried out?

No

The service also has a responsibility to raise awareness of vulnerability and undertake training with the Police.

Statutory considerations

Impact

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

Other policy considerations

Poverty	None
Rurality	None
Other factors	None
If other please describe	

Geographical impact

All Hampshire

Have you identified any medium or high impact?*

Yes

No

Equality statement

The service is specifically targeted at vulnerable people, over the age of 18, most of whom will have a disability, primarily mental health. There is a separate service for children and young people. The statutory responsibility for identifying a vulnerable person lies with Hampshire Constabulary. Once identified a referral is made by the Police to the service.

Data from Dec 2013 to May 2015 indicates that 96% of people referred to the Appropriate Adult Service were White British. This is not particularly different from the general population, however it has not been possible to compare with data from the Police on ethnicity of people arrested to show whether this is proportional or not.

The same data reveals that only 1% of those referred to the Appropriate Adult Service were aged over 70. The largest age group referred to the service was those aged 31-50 at 42%. 24% of all referred were female. Again it is not possible to compare with Police data of those arrested. This will be undertaken during the contract in future.

Date to review actions

31 Jan 2018

Final decision date

Final decision date due

02 Jul 2015

Decision to be made by

DMT