

Equality Impact Assessment



Name of project/proposal

West Hampshire Joint Hospital Prevention Scheme

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Purpose for project/proposal

The aim of the JHPS is to enable people with a health related crisis who may otherwise have been referred to acute care, to remain as independent as possible in their own home, by giving designated community based senior clinicians (GPs and community nurses) access to a maximum 7 day short term community based social care and support service package to complement their own community health services input.

Consultation

Has a consultation been carried out?

No

Statutory considerations

Impact

Age	Medium
Disability	Low
Sexual orientation	Low
Race	Low
Religion and belief	Low
Gender reassignment	Low
Sex	Low
Marriage and civil partnership	Low
Pregnancy and maternity	Low

Other policy considerations

Poverty	Low
Rurality	Medium
Other factors	None
If other please describe	

Geographical impact

Eastleigh New Forest Test Valley Winchester

Have you identified any medium or high impact?*

Yes

No

Equality statement

The Joint Hospital Prevention Service scheme is a clinically led service jointly commissioned in partnership by both social care and health. If a person in West Hampshire has a medical crisis then they might be expected to attend hospital. However the JHPS enables the appropriate short term social care support to be provided to the person, to complement medical care, to enable that person to recover in their own home and community. It is therefore felt that this will have a positive impact on older people. For people in rural communities in West Hampshire the added positive impact is that carers and families may not face long trips to and from hospital.

As the service is clinically led, referrals to the service are reactive around visits by health professionals in the community in response to a health crisis. In this way the JHPS is open equally to any resident in West Hampshire who has a health crisis. The providers of the JHPS scheme are contracted to meet the needs of the individual and provide personalised care based on the circumstances of that individual. The provider is also expected, through the contract, to meet any potential barriers to the service, for example language or communication difficulties.

Potential Mitigating Actions

As the impacts of the service are expected to be positive there are no mitigating actions required.

Date to review actions

31 Jan 2015

Final decision date

Final decision date due
Decision to be made by

30 Jan 2014
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