

Equality Impact Assessment



Name of project/proposal

Proposed closure of residential provision at Osborne Special School and increase in capacity of post 16 provision from 20-50

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Purpose for project/proposal

Proposed closure of residential provision and increase in capacity if post 16 provision.

Consultation

Has a consultation been carried out?

Yes

Informal consultation with all statutory partners. Started the 6th October and finished the 13th November.

Statutory considerations

Impact

Age	Low
Disability	Medium
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	None
Other factors	None
If other please describe	

Geographical impact

Winchester

Have you identified any medium or high impact?*

Yes

No

Equality statement

We are proposing to close the residential provision because of the lack of equality in allocating spaces. There is currently only room to support a maximum of 10 young people. The building is also not fit for purpose in terms of compliance and access for all and it is not feasible financially to bring it up to the required standard. Of the two children currently accessing the residential centre, both were accessing the provision on a time limited basis and will have completed their programme by the time the changes are implemented.

The proposal in the report outlines the intention to disperse the funds in such a way as to increase the offer of support in real terms to families across Winchester and the surrounding districts. In line with the original provision we will offer post 16 education with preparation for adult life, through a life skills programme. Where previously we were reaching 20 young people over three years this time we will be able to offer support to 50 young people over three period.

Date to review actions

31 Jul 2017

Final decision date

Final decision date due

25 Feb 2016

Decision to be made by

Executive Member