

# Equality Impact Assessment

## Name of project/proposal

Alcohol Nurse Service Grants

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## Purpose for project/proposal

The purpose of the Alcohol Nurse Service is to contribute to the reduction in alcohol related harm, identify and intervene with alcohol problems early and to reduce demand on acute hospital

services. The service is open to any Hampshire resident who is accessing University Hospital

Southampton NHS Foundation Trust (UHST) or Queen Alexandra Hospital (Portsmouth Hospital Trust) and have identified as increasing / high risk /alcohol dependant. The

Alcohol Nurse Service provide evidencebased

interventions whilst patients are in

hospital to reduce / stop their alcohol consumption and provide robust pathways to

community substance misuse services on discharge. Current agreed targets for the

services are 800 patients assessed by an Alcohol Nurse at University Hospital

Southampton and 1000 brief interventions at Queen Alexandra Hospital.

## Consultation

Has engagement or consultation been carried out?

No

## Statutory considerations

### Impact

Age None

Disability None

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 High

If other please describe

Increasing / high risk / dependant drinkers

Geographical impact

Have you identified any medium or high impact?\*

All Hampshire

Yes

No

## Equality statement

If funding is continued there will be a neutral impact as the service is already in place and is already engaging with people who identifies as increasing/ high risk/ alcohol dependant.

If the grant is **not** granted there would have negative impact on people who identified as increasing / high risk /alcohol dependant as they would not be able to access a local service and their drinking is likely to escalate to dangerous levels making it harder for treatment interventions to be successful and will increase risk of associated illness occurring.

Date to review actions

30 Sep 2017

## Final decision date

Final decision date due  
Decision to be made by

16 Mar 2017  
Executive Member