

# Equality Impact Assessment



Hampshire  
County Council

## CS09221 Level 1 & 2 IFA Fostering Framework - Extension

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### Description of current service/policy

The current framework includes two lots.

Lot 1: Standard foster placements including respite. These are for children who do not present with complex or challenging needs and behaviors 0-18 years. It is possible they have experienced placement breakdowns, abuse, neglect/loss and may demonstrate some low level offending and/or challenging behaviors. Some children with disabilities and/or health needs may also require standard foster placements.

Lot 2 Parent & Child placements: Placements for a parent or parents who need extra support to care for their child or children. The parent or parents are given opportunities to develop their parenting skills in a family environment.

Geographical impact: All  
Hampshire

### Description of proposed change

The framework was due to expire on 31 March 2021. Due to Covid19 impacting providers as they have been focusing on the delivery and their carers a new procurement has not been run so an extension is being sought for this framework to continue for a one year period. This will allow an appropriate timescale for a new procurement to be conducted. Legal have been consulted with the plans and have provided advice on this. A Reg 72 has also been drafted (pending sign off).

### Impacts of the proposed change

This impact assessment covers Service users

# Engagement and consultation

Has engagement or consultation been carried out?

Planned

The majority of the contracted providers on the framework have been informed of the plan to extend the framework. None have raised any concerns about this only questions regarding opportunity/provision within the extension to submit price uplifts in April 2021. Once the appropriate sign off's and agreements are in place then the plan can be officially confirmed with all the providers.

<b>Statutory considerations</b>	<b>Impact</b>	<b>Mitigation</b>
<b>Age:</b> Positive	The framework allows for placements for all children from 0-18.	
<b>Disability:</b> Neutral		
<b>Sexual orientation:</b> Neutral		
<b>Race:</b> Neutral		
<b>Religion and belief:</b> Neutral		
<b>Gender reassignment:</b> Neutral		

<b>Gender:</b> Neutral		
<b>Marriage and civil partnership:</b> Neutral		
<b>Pregnancy and maternity:</b> Neutral		
<b>Other policy considerations</b>	<b>Impact</b>	<b>Mitigation</b>
<b>Poverty:</b> Neutral		
<b>Rurality:</b> Neutral		

**Neutrality statement (if all considerations have a neutral impact)**

**Any other information**