

Equality Impact Assessment

Name of project/proposal

Commissioning of a Support and Resettlement Service for Syrian Refugees

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Purpose for project/proposal

Approval is being sought to go out to tender for a specialist support and resettlement service for Syrian refugees resettling in the Hampshire County Council area under the Government's Syrian Vulnerable Persons Relocation Scheme (SVPRS). The County Council is working in partnership with the District, Borough and City Authorities of Basingstoke and Deane, Eastleigh, East Hampshire, Havant, Fareham, New Forest, Test Valley and Hart to support refugees to resettle into these areas. The specialist support service will provide intensive casework and orientation support to refugees, enabling them to access health care, education and employment, build independence and fully integrate into the community.

Consultation

Has engagement or consultation been carried out? Yes

Engagement has been carried out with the District, Borough and City Authorities and CCGs through the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Partnership meetings held quarterly. Meetings have also involved representatives from the South East Migration Partnership, Home Office, voluntary sector and Hampshire County Council Children's Services, Adult Services and Emergency Planning.

Agency and independent specialists in refugee resettlement and local community and faith groups have also been involved in planning for arrivals under the scheme.

Statutory considerations

Impact

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

Other policy considerations

Poverty	Medium
Rurality	Low
Other factors	Low
If other please describe	

Geographical impact

Basingstoke & Deane East
Hampshire Eastleigh Fareham Hart Havant New Forest Test Valley Winchester

Have you identified any medium or high

Yes

No

impact?*

Equality statement

There will be a medium positive impact on religion or belief as the specialist support services will make sure that refugees are put in touch with relevant faith communities when this is applicable and that refugees are able to access to faith communities.

There will be a medium positive impact on poverty as refugees will be linked into a number of services (public and voluntary). Caseworkers will guide refugees to support appropriate for their individual situation.

There will be a high positive impact on race as this service is exclusively for Syrian refugees.

The commissioning of a specialist support service for refugees resettling under the Government's Syrian Vulnerable Persons Relocation Scheme will have a positive impact on those Syrian refugees resettled under the programme. The proposal may also impact positively on other racial groups by promoting inclusion within areas of the County where refugees are resettled.

Date to review actions

30 May 2018

Final decision date

Final decision date due

30 May 2017

Decision to be made by

DMT