

Equality Impact Assessment



Name of project/proposal

Home Improvement Agencies

Contact name

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Department

Adult Services

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Purpose for project/proposal

The current Home Improvement Agency Services (HIA) are provided in seven Districts of the County. These being Hart DC and Rushmoor BC, Test Valley BC and New Forest DC, Havant BC, East Hants DC and Fareham BC.

The statutory duty to deliver this service does not fall to Hampshire County Council. Never the less, over the last 3 years Hampshire County Council has been providing the majority of the funding for 7 of the 11 HIA services in Hampshire. Due to financial constraints, the County Council has taken the decision to withdraw their funding from this service as it is the statutory duty of the District and Borough Councils to provide this service. Basingstoke, Eastleigh, Gosport and Winchester are already funding an equal service without Hampshire County Council's contribution. The current contracts come to an end on 31 March 2017 and this is therefore an opportune time to reassess our approach.

Consultation

Has a consultation been carried out?

Yes

Since February 2016 consultation has taken place with all 11 District and Borough councils in 1-1 meetings and at the Housing Advices Group (HAG) which was represented by all 11 District and Borough housing reps.

Statutory considerations

Impact

Age	High
Disability	High
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	High
Rurality	Low
Other factors	None

If other please describe

Geographical impact

East Hampshire Fareham Hart Havant New Forest Rushmoor Test Valley

Have you identified any medium or high impact?*

Yes

No

Equality statement

This service has been available for people over 60 years of age, disabled people or families with disabled children and other vulnerable people. This service is a means tested service available to people on low income. Age, disability and poverty have been identified as high impact factors however these have been mitigated as the the local District and Borough Councils have a statutory duty to deliver these services and will continue to deliver this type of service without contribution from Hampshire County Council.

All other factors have been identified as low or no impact, though it is recognised that within this service there maybe an impact on people who may additionally fall in one or more of the protected characteristics.

Date to review actions

02 Oct 2017

Final decision date

Final decision date due
Decision to be made by

13 Oct 2016
DMT