

SP23 EIA – Health and Safety review – Public

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Section one – information about the service and service change

Service affected	Health and Safety (H&S) Service
Please provide a short description of the service / policy/project/project phase	<p>The Health and Safety service provides support and competent advice and discharging the legal duty to have a “competent person” for health and safety.</p> <p>The service supports all Hampshire County Council (HCC) departments, providing advice, guidance and support to wider HCC staff. There are currently two key strands to the service;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigation of accidents and incidents, learning lessons and driving in improvements. This element of the work is reactive. • Supporting departments by firstly risk profiling their operations. Working on the highest risk the service develops a plan with services/departments to improve, risk by risk. Managers are supported to make changes. Monitoring is then carried out to verify the effectiveness of the improvements. If satisfied, the service moves to

	the next risk creating a rolling programme of risk reduction. This element of the work is proactive.
Please explain the new/changed service/policy/project	<p>In order to deliver the savings target for 2023, the health and safety team will undertake a review and explore opportunities to make changes to the way in which proactive (and potentially reactive) work is delivered. The review is likely to include an appraisal of the teams' current range of activities, options for income generation and the staffing structure required to deliver them, including consideration of any additional strategic capacity which may be needed for the service to meet corporate needs. Supporting technology for the service will also be considered to improve efficiency and to capitalise on the technological advancements and capability that exist in the corporate IT systems.</p> <p>The review and any changes arising from it may therefore result in workforce changes e.g. to the number of roles within the team or amendments to focus of the role responsibilities. Until the review is complete, the nature and extent of any workforce or operating model changes and the impacts of these for staff and service users/wider public are unknown.</p> <p>A separate EIA considering the impacts on the H&S staff team has been undertaken.</p>

Engagement and consultation	
The County Council's <i>Serving Hampshire Balancing the Budget</i> consultation (2021-2023) will seek residents' and stakeholders' views on strategic options for funding the Authority's budget gap. Where applicable, detailed proposals for making savings will be subject to further, more detailed 'stage two' consultation before any decisions on service specific changes are made.	
Has any pre-consultation engagement been carried out? (Delete as appropriate)	
	No

Describe the consultation or engagement you have performed or are intending to perform.

Describe who was engaged or consulted. What was the outcome of the activity and how have the results influenced what you are doing? If no consultation or engagement is planned, please explain why.

No consultation or engagement will be carried out prior to the Serving Hampshire Balancing the Budget consultation (2021-2023). Should the outcomes of the proposed review require it, further appropriate public consultation will be carried out as and when necessary.

Section two: Assessment

Table 1 Impact Assessment

Protected characteristic (see EIA Guidance for considerations)	Positive	Neutral	Negative - low	Negative - Medium	Negative - High	Affects staff, public or both?
Age		x				Public
Disability		x				Public
Gender reassignment		x				Public
Pregnancy and maternity		x				Public
Race		x				Public
Religion or belief		x				Public

Sex		x				Public
Sexual orientation		x				Public
Marriage & civil partnership		x				Public
Poverty		x				Public
Rurality		x				Public

Table 2 Geographical impact

Does the proposal impact on a specific area? Consider the [demographic data](#) of the locations.

Area	Yes / no	Area	Yes / no	Area	Yes / no
All Hampshire	Yes	Fareham		New Forest	
Basingstoke and Deane		Gosport		Rushmoor	
East Hampshire		Hart		Test Valley	
Eastleigh		Havant		Winchester	

Section three: Equality Statement

Table 3 Consideration of and explanation for neutral or low negative impacts

Protected characteristic	Brief explanation of why this has been assessed as having neutral or low negative impact
Age	<p>Many residents and service users in Adults Health and Care (AHC) are of an older age. Until the H&S review is complete and the nature and extent of changes are known, it is difficult to know the extent of the impact of this on this protected characteristic, though it would be expected to be neutral or low.</p>
Disability	<p>A considerable amount of H+S advice is given to resolving workplace risks relating to changes needed to support those with disabilities.</p> <p>Many service users in Adults and Childrens Services departments have disabilities.</p> <p>Until the H&S review is complete and the nature and extent of changes are known, it is difficult to know the extent of the impact of this on this protected characteristic, though it would be expected to be neutral or low.</p>
Gender reassignment	<p>There is currently no evidence that wider HCC staff or public/service users would be disproportionately affected by any operational or workforce changes in regards to gender reassignment.</p>
Pregnancy and maternity	<p>The work works in line with the health and safety legislation in place including - The Management of Health and Safety regulation 1999, Regulation 16 - Risk assessment in respect of new or expectant mothers.</p> <p>Until the H&S review is complete and the nature and extent of changes are known, it is difficult to know the extent of the impact of this on this protected characteristic, though it would be expected to be neutral or low.</p>
Race	<p>There is currently no evidence that wider HCC staff or public/service users would be disproportionately affected by any operational or workforce changes in regards to race.</p>
Religion or belief	<p>There is currently no evidence that wider HCC staff or public/service users would be disproportionately affected by any operational or workforce changes in regards to religion or belief.</p>

Sex	Until the H&S review is complete and the nature and extent of changes are known, it is difficult to know the extent of the impact of this on this protected characteristic, though it would be expected to be neutral or low.
Sexual orientation	There is currently no evidence that wider HCC staff or public/service users would be disproportionately affected by any operational or workforce changes in regards to sexual orientation.
Marriage & civil partnership	There is currently no evidence that wider HCC staff or public/service users would be disproportionately affected by any operational or workforce changes in regards to marriage and civil partnership.
Poverty	There is currently no evidence that wider HCC staff or public/service users would be disproportionately affected by any operational or workforce changes in regards to poverty.
Rurality	There is currently no evidence that wider HCC staff or public/service users would be disproportionately affected by any operational or workforce changes in regards to rurality.

Table 4 Explanation and mitigation for medium and high impacts

Protected characteristic	Brief explanation of why this has been assessed as having medium or high negative impact	Is there a Geographical impact? If so, please explain -use list below to identify geographical area(s)	Short explanation of mitigating actions
N/A			

Table 5 Consideration of and explanation for positive impacts

Protected characteristic	Brief explanation of why this has been assessed as having positive impact
N/A	

Box 1 Please set out any additional information which you think is relevant to this impact assessment:

Until the review is underway, and decisions are taken on a future operating model and any required workforce changes, it is unknown what the likely impact will be upon wider HCC staff receiving advice, guidance and support and wider service users/public. When the outcomes of the review are clearer either this EIA will be updated or further, more detailed EIAs will be undertaken at a later date, with appropriate consideration and action taken in respect of their findings.

Box 2

If appropriate, (i.e., it is immediately evident that a full EIA is not necessary) please provide a short succinct assessment to show that due regard has been given and that there is no requirement for a full EIA:

N/A