

Equality Impact Assessment - head of service review

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Executive summary

Title of policy or decision: Uplift Proposals for Adults with Disabilities (AWD) Supported Living

Describe the main aims, objectives and purpose of the policy (or decision): This is a proposal for the uplift of current fees within the AWD supported living market from April 2022 taking into account the inflationary pressures from increases to National Living Wage and general inflation through CPI.

What outcome(s) are you hoping to achieve?: Strong, Inclusive and Sustainable Economy, Health, Independence and Wellbeing for All Ages

Which strategic priorities does this support? - Enable inclusive economic growth: Good jobs, Future growth and investment, Levelling up the economy

Which strategic priorities does this support? - Help create great places to grow up, live and work: Promoting independence, Carers, Levelling up health

Is this a new policy (or decision) or a change to an existing policy, practice or project?: a new policy (or decision)

Please provide a link to the document / website / resource to which this EqIA relates: FP/296/02/22

Please upload any documents which relate to this EqIA, for example decision documents: FP/296/02/22

Assessing the equality impact

Use this section to record how you have assessed any potential impact on the communities likely to be affected by the policy (or decision): This will primarily affect the provider market supporting adults across Essex with learning disabilities and/or autism, PI and mental health and by increasing their fees they will be able to provide higher quality services to adults in receipt of them. We foresee no negative impacts on any groups or protected characteristics as a part of this decision.

Does or will the policy or decision affect:

Service users: Yes

Employees: No

The wider community or groups of people, particularly where there are areas of known inequalities: Yes

Which geographical areas of Essex does or will the policy or decision affect?: All Essex

Will the policy or decision influence how organisations operate?: No

Will the policy or decision involve substantial changes in resources?: No

Is this policy or decision associated with any of the Council's other policies?: Yes

Is the new or revised policy linked to a digital service (website, system or application)?: No

Description of impact

Description of Impact. If there is an impact on a specific protected group tick box, otherwise leave blank. You will be given the opportunity to rate identified impacts as positive, negative or neutral on the next page: Age, Disability - learning disability, Disability - mental health issues, Disability - physical impairment, Disability - sensory impairment, Marriage / civil partnership

I confirm that I have considered the potential impact on all of the protected characteristics: I confirm that I have considered the potential impact on all of the protected characteristics

Describe any actions that have already been taken to mitigate negative impacts on any of the protected characteristics: The impacts to each of these groups are considered to be positive because the increases in fees paid to providers of their services will enable the delivery of sustainable and higher quality care. We do not foresee any negative impacts that require mitigation at this time.

Age

Nature of impact: Positive

Please provide more details about the nature of impact: Increased fees resulting in greater market sustainability and higher quality services to adults.

Extent of impact: High

Please provide more details about the extent of impact: Sustainability in the care being delivered and higher quality will provide a high impact to adults in receipt of care and the quality of their lives should be improved.

Disability - learning disability

Nature of impact: Positive

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Extent of impact: High

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Disability - mental health issues

Nature of impact: Positive

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Extent of impact: High

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Disability - physical impairment

Nature of impact: Positive

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Extent of impact: High

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Disability - sensory impairment

Nature of impact: Positive

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Extent of impact: High

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Marriage / civil partnership

Nature of impact: Positive

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Action plan to address and monitor adverse impacts

Does your EqlA indicate that the policy or decision would have a medium or high adverse impact on one or more equality groups?: No

Details of person completing the form

I confirm that this has been completed based on the best information available and in following ECC guidance: I confirm that this has been completed based on the best information available and in following ECC guidance

Date EqlA completed: 17/02/2022

Name of person completing the EqlA: Nick Green

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Your function: Finance and Technology

Your service area: Procurement

Your team: Adults with Disabilities, Mental Health, Public Health, Children's and Families

Are you submitting this EqlA on behalf of another function, service area or team?: No

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