# Equality impact assessment (EqIA)

This impact assessment should be completed for all human resources (HR) and corporate policies, projects or functions that apply to colleagues at NHS Humber and North Yorkshire Integrated Care Board (ICB).

There are five sections of this assessment, and all should be completed:

1. [HR / corporate impact analysis](#_HR_/_corporate)
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3. [Impact assessment](#_Impact_assessment)
4. [Action planning](#_Action_planning)
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## HR / corporate policy impact analysis

| **Key questions** | **Information provided** |
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| Policy / project / function: | ICB Fire Safety Policy |
| Date of analysis: | March 2023 |
| Completed by: (name, department, place) | Gary Johnson  Corporate Services  ICB |
| Aims and intended effects of this policy, project or function: | This policy replaces several historic health and safety policies in place before the establishment of NHS Humber and North Yorkshire Integrated Care Board (ICB) on Friday 1 July 2022.  HNY ICB is moving to a single policy to prevent or reduce the nature and severity of any workplace Fire Incidents, |
| Details of any significant changes to previous policy likely to have an impact on colleagues / other groups: | New policy |
| List of any other policies that are related to or referred to as part of this analysis: | N/A |
| Who the policy, project or function will affect: | The policy applies to NHS Humber and North Yorkshire ICB and all its employees and must be followed by all those who work for the organisation. This includes all permanent members of staff, members of the ICB executive board, those on temporary or honorary contracts, secondments, pool and agency staff, contractors and students. |
| Engagement / consultation that has been done or is planned for this policy and this EqIA: | ICB Executive Committee  SPF  Staff wellbeing group  Place-based health and safety groups  ICB people team (for equality, diversity and inclusion support) |

## Equality data

Equality data is internal or external information that may indicate how the activity being analysed can affect different groups of people who share one or more of the nine protected characteristics as detailed in the [Equality Act (2010)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/equality-act-2010-guidance).

Examples of equality date could include:

* recruitment data (e.g., number of applications compared to our population profile, number of appointments)
* complaints made by groups who share / represent one or more protected characteristic
* grievances, decisions upheld or dismissals by protected group
* findings of the NHS Staff Survey
* data from the Workforce Race Equality Standard (WRES) and Workforce Disability Equality Standard (WDES) reports

This list is not exhaustive.

| **Key questions** | **Information provided** |
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| Is any equality data available relating to the use of this policy / project / function: | No |
| **If yes**  List the equality used to assess the impact of this policy / project / function: | N/A |
| **If no**  List the data you will use to assess the impact of this policy / project / function: | N/A |

## Impact assessment

Details of any potential impact of this policy / project or function on people from different protected characteristic groups should be included below.

This should be based on analysis of:

* the [equality data](#_Equality_data) listed
* insights gathered through engagement
* your knowledge of the substance of this policy

| **Protected characteristic** | **No  impact?** | **Positive impact?** | **Negative impact?** | **Evidence of impact and, if applicable, justification where are ‘genuine determining reason’ exists (see footnote)** |
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| **Age**  This refers to people of all ages. |  |  |  | The policy is consistent in its approach and is designed to protect **all** staff and visitors to ICB buildings. |
| **Disability**  People who have physical disabilities and / or impairments, learning disabilities, learning differences (for example, someone who is neurodiverse), people with mental health conditions, sensory loss and long-term chronic conditions (such as diabetes, HIV) or hidden, invisible or variable conditions |  |  |  | The policy is consistent in its approach and is designed to protect **all** staff and visitors to ICB buildings.  The policy particularly highlights plans to support people who cannot get themselves out of a building unaided through the PEEP (Personal Emergency Evacuation Plan). This includes people with:  • Mobility impairment, which can limit speed of evacuation.  • Hearing impairment, which can limit the response to an alarm.  • Visual impairment, which can limit the ability to escape.  •Cognitive impairment, which can limit understanding of evacuation procedures.  However, the Fire Policy information is not automatically published in an accessible format, in alternative formats e.g., braille or in languages other than English e.g., British Sign Language (BSL). The primary source of circulation is digital only using the partnership’s website. As the policy document itself is not accessible, it will likely not be compatible for use with screen readers and other assistive technology, which could make it inaccessible for people with vision loss or for those with learning differences, for example, dyslexia. |
| **Gender reassignment**  Refers to someone who is proposing to, is going through or has gone through a process to live in a gender that is different to the one assigned at birth.  For example, Trans (transgender) people, non-binary people or gender fluid / gender queer people. |  |  |  | The policy is consistent in its approach and is designed to protect **all** staff and visitors to ICB buildings. |
| **Marriage or civil partnership** Refers to legally recognised partnerships (applies to employment only). |  |  |  | The policy is consistent in its approach and is designed to protect **all** staff and visitors to ICB buildings. |
| **Pregnancy and maternity**  Refers to the pregnancy period and the first year after birth. |  |  |  | The policy is consistent in its approach and is designed to protect **all** staff and visitors to ICB buildings.  The policy highlights plans to support people who cannot get themselves out of a building unaided through the PEEP (Personal Emergency Evacuation Plan). |
| **Race**  Refers to people of different races which can include colour, nationality, ethnic or national origins and different ethnic backgrounds, for example, Gypsy Romany and Traveller peoples. |  |  |  | The policy is consistent in its approach and is designed to protect **all** staff and visitors to ICB buildings.  However, the Health and safety impact is not automatically published in languages other than English. |
| **Religion or belief**  Includes all religious and philosophical beliefs including having no religious belief, |  |  |  | The policy is consistent in its approach and is designed to and is designed to protect **all** staff and visitors to ICB buildings. |
| **Sex**  This refers to biological sex eg male / female / intersex. |  |  |  | The policy is consistent in its approach and is designed to protect **all** staff and visitors to ICB buildings. |
| **Sexual orientation**  Refers to who a person is attracted to, for example gay, lesbian, bisexual, asexual and heterosexual (straight). |  |  |  | The policy is consistent in its approach and is designed to protect **all** staff and visitors to ICB buildings. |
| **Socio-economic deprivation** Refers to the different financial situations people may be experiencing, for example, working poverty and cost of living impacts for people from different backgrounds (not Band exclusive) |  |  |  | The policy is consistent in its approach and is designed to protect **all** staff and visitors to ICB buildings. |
| **Working carers** Refers to anyone who cares, unpaid, for a friend or family member who due to their illness, disability, mental health condition or an addiction cannot cope without their support.  Working carers can be considered protected under the Equality Act (2010) by association. |  |  |  | The policy is consistent in its approach and is designed to protect **all** staff and visitors to ICB buildings. |

‘Genuine determining reason’ means an action is proportionate to the legitimate aims of the organisation (please seek further advice).

## Action planning

As a result of the analysis of the impact of this policy / project or function on people from different protected characteristic groups, this section should detail the mitigating actions to be taken to reduce any identified impacts and those responsible for ensuring these actions are taken.

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| **Identified risk** | **Recommended actions** | **Responsible lead** | **Completion date** | **Review  date** |
| Inaccessibility for disabled colleagues | 1. Ensure the final policy is made fully accessible before publishing. 2. Provide a clear and easy way for people to request printed copies through the post if required. 3. Provide a clear and easy way for people to request copies of the policy in alternative formats eg braille, large print or audio. 4. Provide a clear and easy way for people to access this information in BSL format, for example, through the use of a BSL interpreter. | Corporate Affairs/Communications Team | June 2023 | June 2024 |
| Policy only available in English | 1. Line managers to provide support if a team member’s first language is not English and this is requested. | Line managers | ongoing | ongoing |

## Sign-off

All EqIAs for HR and corporate policies, projects or functions that apply to ICB colleagues must be signed-off by the corporate affairs team - send a copy of the relevant policy and EqIA to: [hnyicb-hull.hnypolicyenquiries@nhs.net](mailto:hnyicb-hull.hnypolicyenquiries@nhs.net)

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| **Key questions** | **Sign-off responses** |
| I agree / disagree with this assessment and action plan | Yes  This policy does not appear to have any adverse effects on people who share protected characteristics. This policy will ensure that those employees and visitors to ICB buildings are protected in terms of fire safety and evacuation processes.  However, further actions are required to make the policies more accessible. |
| **If no (you disagree)**  Reasons for not approving and actions that should be taken (including timelines and those responsible): | N/A |
| Signed: | Nicky Lowe |
| Date: | 10 July 2023 |

ENDS