

**LONE WORKING POLICY
 HaRD 043
 EQUALITY IMPACT ANALYSIS**

1. Equality Impact Analysis									
Policy / Project / Function:	Lone Working Policy								
Date of Analysis:	December 2014								
This Equality Impact Analysis was completed by: (Name and Department)	Workforce Service								
What are the aims and intended effects of this policy, project or function ?	The policy will raise general awareness of how to best protect lone workers within the CCG and identify systems, procedures and equipment which can be utilised to reduce the levels of risk associated with working alone.								
Please list any other policies that are related to or referred to as part of this analysis?	Disciplinary Procedure Health and Safety Policy NHS Business Services Authority Lone Worker Guidance "You Are Not Alone"								
Who does the policy, project or function affect ?	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;">Employees</td> <td style="text-align: center;">✓</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Service Users</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Members of the Public</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Other (List Below)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">✓</td> </tr> </table>	Employees	✓	Service Users	<input type="checkbox"/>	Members of the Public	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (List Below)	✓
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Service Users	<input type="checkbox"/>								
Members of the Public	<input type="checkbox"/>								
Other (List Below)	✓								
Please Tick ✓	Agency staff, students/trainees/apprentices, volunteers, seconded staff and all other staff on placement The policy also applies to visitors and all contractors or sub-contractors who provide services to the CCG.								

2. Equality Impact Analysis: Screening

	Could this policy have a positive impact on...		Could this policy have a negative impact on...		Is there any evidence which already exists from previous (e.g. from previous engagement) to evidence this impact
	Yes	No	Yes	No	
Race	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	This policy complies with legislation and good practice and is applied regardless of race
Age	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	This policy complies with legislation and good practice and is applied regardless of age
Sexual Orientation	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	This policy complies with legislation and good practice and is applied regardless of sexual orientation
Disabled People	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	See assessment test
Gender	✓		<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	See assessment test
Transgender People	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	This policy complies with legislation and good practice and is applied regardless of transgender status
Pregnancy and Maternity	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	This policy complies with legislation and good practice and is applied regardless of pregnancy or maternity
Marital Status	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	This policy complies with legislation and good practice and is applied regardless of marital status
Religion and Belief	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	This policy complies with legislation and good practice and is applied regardless of religion or belief
Reasoning					

If there is no positive or negative impact on any of the Nine Protected Characteristics go to Section 7

3. Equality Impact Analysis: Local Profile Data

Local Profile / Demography of the Groups affected as at Jan 2015	
General	Total number of employees in the CCG is 28
Age	75% are aged 30-55 21.43% of staff are over 55 3.57% of staff are under 30
Race	89.29% staff employed in the CCG are White 3.57% staff are Black 3.57% staff are Asian 3.57% of staff have are not stated/undefined their ethnicity
Sex	46.43% staff employed are male 53.57% staff employed are female
Gender reassignment	No information at this stage
Disability	89.29% of staff employed declared themselves as having no disability 10.71% did not declare / undefined No staff have declared a disability
Sexual Orientation	89.29% of staff described themselves as heterosexual 10.71% did not wish to respond / undefined
Religion, faith and belief	Christianity is the largest religious group declared by staff in the CCG (50%) 25% declared themselves Atheist 17.87% were undefined or did not wish to declare 3.57% of staff have other beliefs / religious beliefs 3.57% of staff declared themselves Buddhist
Marriage and civil partnership	78.58% of employees are married. No employees are in a civil partnership. 3.57% of staff did not wish to declare. The remainder (17.85%) are single / divorced / legally separated or widowed
Pregnancy and maternity	No information yet as the CCG has not been established long enough to build meaningful data

4. Equality Impact Analysis: Equality Data Available

<p>Is any Equality Data available relating to the use or implementation of this policy, project or function?</p> <p>Equality data is internal or external information that may indicate how the activity being analysed can affect different groups of people who share the nine <i>Protected Characteristics</i> – referred to hereafter as ‘<i>Equality Groups</i>’.</p> <p>Examples of <i>Equality Data</i> include: (this list is not definitive)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Application success rates <i>Equality Groups</i> 2. Complaints by <i>Equality Groups</i> 3. Service usage and withdrawal of services by <i>Equality Groups</i> 4. Grievances or decisions upheld and dismissed by <i>Equality Groups</i> 5. <i>Previous EIAs</i> 	<p>Yes ✓</p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Where you have answered yes, please incorporate this data when performing the <i>Equality Impact Assessment Test</i> (the next section of this document).</p>
<p>List any Consultation e.g. with employees, service users, Unions or members of the public that has taken place in the development or implementation of this policy, project or function</p>	<p>Consultation has taken place with Trade Union representatives and employees</p>
<p>Promoting Inclusivity How does the project, service or function contribute towards our aims of eliminating discrimination and promoting equality and diversity within our organisation</p>	<p>The policy will raise general awareness of how to best protect lone workers within the CCG and identify systems, procedures and equipment which can be utilised to reduce the levels of risk associated with working alone.</p>

5. Equality Impact Analysis: Assessment Test

What impact will the implementation of this policy, project or function have on employees, service users or other people who share characteristics protected by *The Equality Act 2010* ?

Protected Characteristic:	No Impact:	Positive Impact:	Negative Impact:	Evidence of impact and if applicable, justification where a <i>Genuine Determining Reason</i> exists
Gender (Men and Women)	✓			The policy recognises that in certain circumstances vulnerable groups including female employees may feel vulnerable when working alone, this policy enables a buddy to be requested in these situations (see page 15 – Vulnerable groups).
Race (All Racial Groups)	✓			Considered – neutral impact
Disability (Mental and Physical)		✓		The policy recognises that some individuals may have medical conditions that make it more difficult to work alone. Para 14.1 (Risk Assessment) requires that risks associated with an employee's disability are identified with further guidance from the Occupational Health service. This would remove any detrimental impact and may have a potential positive impact on employees with disabilities
Religion or Belief	✓			Considered – neutral impact
Sexual Orientation (Heterosexual, Homosexual and Bisexual)	✓			Considered – neutral impact
Pregnancy and Maternity	✓			Considered – neutral impact
Transgender	✓			Considered – neutral impact
Marital Status	✓			Considered – neutral impact
Age	✓			Considered – neutral impact

6. Action Planning

As a result of performing this analysis, what actions are proposed to remove or reduce any risks of adverse outcomes identified on employees, service users or other people who share characteristics protected by *The Equality Act 2010* ?

Identified Risk:	Recommended Actions:	Responsible Lead:	Completion Date:	Review Date:

7. Equality Impact Analysis Findings

Analysis Rating:	<input type="checkbox"/> Red	<input type="checkbox"/> Red/Amber	<input type="checkbox"/> Amber	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Green
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		Actions	Wording for Policy / Project / Function
<p>Red</p> <p>Stop and remove the policy</p>	<p>Red: As a result of performing the analysis, it is evident that a risk of discrimination exists (direct, indirect, unintentional or otherwise) to one or more of the nine groups of people who share <i>Protected Characteristics</i>. It is recommended that the use of the policy be suspended until further work or analysis is performed.</p>	<p>Remove the policy</p> <p>Complete the action plan above to identify the areas of discrimination and the work or actions which needs to be carried out to minimise the risk of discrimination.</p>	<p>No wording needed as policy is being removed</p>
<p>Red Amber</p> <p>Continue the policy</p>	<p>As a result of performing the analysis, it is evident that a risk of discrimination exists (direct, indirect, unintentional or otherwise) to one or more of the nine groups of people who share <i>Protected Characteristics</i>. However, a genuine determining reason may exist that could legitimise or justify the use of this policy and further professional advice should be taken.</p>	<p>The policy can be published with the EIA</p> <p>List the justification of the discrimination and source the evidence (i.e. clinical need as advised by NICE).</p> <p>Consider if there are any potential actions which would reduce the risk of discrimination.</p> <p>Another EIA must be completed if the policy is changed, reviewed or if further discrimination is identified at a later date.</p>	<p>As a result of performing the analysis, it is evident that a risk of discrimination exists (direct, indirect, unintentional or otherwise) to one or more of the nine groups of people who share <i>Protected Characteristics</i>. However, a genuine determining reason exists which justifies the use of this policy and further professional advice.</p> <p><i>[Insert what the discrimination is and the justification of the discrimination plus any actions which could help what reduce the risk]</i></p>

Equality Impact Findings (continued):

		Actions	Wording for Policy / Project / Function
<p>Amber</p> <p>Adjust the Policy</p>	<p>As a result of performing the analysis, it is evident that a risk of discrimination (as described above) exists and this risk may be removed or reduced by implementing the actions detailed within the <i>Action Planning</i> section of this document.</p>	<p>The policy can be published with the EIA</p> <p>The policy can still be published but the Action Plan must be monitored to ensure that work is being carried out to remove or reduce the discrimination.</p> <p>Any changes identified and made to the service/policy/ strategy etc. should be included in the policy.</p> <p>Another EIA must be completed if the policy is changed, reviewed or if further discrimination is identified at a later date.</p>	<p>As a result of performing the analysis, it is evident that a risk of discrimination (as described above) exists and this risk may be removed or reduced by implementing the actions detailed within the <i>Action Planning</i> section of this document.</p> <p><i>[Insert what the discrimination is and what work will be carried out to reduce/eliminate the risk]</i></p>
<p>Green</p> <p>No major change</p>	<p>As a result of performing the analysis, the policy, project or function does not appear to have any adverse effects on people who share <i>Protected Characteristics</i> and no further actions are recommended at this stage.</p>	<p>The policy can be published with the EIA</p> <p>Another EIA must be completed if the policy is changed, reviewed or if any discrimination is identified at a later date</p>	<p>As a result of performing the analysis, the policy, project or function does not appear to have any adverse effects on people who share <i>Protected Characteristics</i> and no further actions are recommended at this stage.</p>

Brief Summary / Further comments	
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Approved By		
Job Title:	Name:	Date:

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