# DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

# **Equality and Diversity Rapid Impact Assessment Tool**

# <u>Part 1</u>

Date of assessment 31-08-10	Title of document being assessed The Response to be sent to Scottish Government in relation to its consultation on the draft "National Guidance for Child Protection in Scotland"
This is a new policy, procedure, strategy or practice being assessed (If yes please tick box) x	This is an existing policy, procedure, strategy or practice being assessed? (If yes please tick box)
2) Please give a brief description of the policy, procedure, strategy or practice being assessed.	The response has been prepared to comment on a national document intended to provide guidance on how to protect children and young people.
3) What is the intended outcome of this policy, procedure, strategy or practice?	To inform the publication of robust and useful national guidance
4) Please list any existing documents which have been used to inform this Equality and Diversity Impact Assessment.	None
5) Has any consultation, involvement or research with protected characteristic communities informed this assessment? If yes please give details.	Personnel from all agencies in membership of CYPPC have been invited to contribute responses to the draft document.
6) Please give details of council officer involvement in this assessment. (E.g. names of officers consulted, dates of meetings etc)	Donald McKenzie CYPPC Lead Officer.
7) Is there a need to collect further evidence or to involve or consult protected characteristics communities on the impact of the proposed policy?	No
(Example: if the impact on a community is not known what will you do to gather the information needed and when will you do this?)	

#### Part 2

Which protected characteristics communities will be positively or negatively affected by this policy, procedure or strategy?

NB Please place an X in the box which best describes the "overall" impact. It is possible for an assessment to identify that a positive policy can have some negative impacts and visa versa. When this is the case please identify both positive and negative impacts in Part 3 of this form.

If the impact on a protected characteristic communities are not known please state how you will gather evidence of any potential negative impacts in box Part 1 section 7 above.

	Positively	Negatively	No Impact	Not Known
Ethnic Minority Communities including Gypsies and Travellers	х			
Gender	Х			
Gender Reassignment	Х			
Religion or Belief	Х			
People with a disability	Х			
Age	Х			
Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual	Х			
Socio-economic	Х			
Pregnancy & Maternity	Х			
Other (please state)				

Part 3

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1) Have any positive impacts been identified? (We must ensure at this stage that we are not achieving equality for one strand of equality at the expense of another)	If yes please give further details  Yes. The application of nationally agreed guidance will promote a common approach to child protection practice across Scotland.
2) Have any negative impacts been identified? (Based on direct knowledge, published research, community involvement, customer feedback etc. If unsure seek advice from your departmental Equality Champion.)	If yes please give further details No
3) What action is proposed to overcome any negative impacts? E.g. involving community groups in the development or delivery of the policy or practice, providing information in community languages etc. see Good Practice on DCC equalities web page	Please give further details N/A
4) Is there a justification for continuing with this policy even if it cannot be amended or changed to end or reduce inequality without compromising its intended outcome? (If the policy that shows actual or potential unlawful discrimination you must stop and seek legal advice)	If yes please give further details N/A
5) Has a 'Full' Equality Impact Assessment been recommended? (If the policy is a major one or is likely to have a major impact on protected characteristics communities a Full Equality Impact Assessment may be required) Seek advice from your departmental Equality Champion.	If yes please give further details No
6) How will the policy be monitored? (How will you know it is doing what it is intended to do? e.g. data collection, customer survey etc.	Please give details  Dundee DCYPPC has already instituted a robust framework for self-evaluation of child protection services. The impact of local multi-agency procedures that will flow from this national document, will be measured

#### Part 4

Name of Department or Partnership: Dundee City Council Social work Department in partnership with Dundee Children and Young Persons Protection Committee.

Human Resource Policy	
General Policy	
Strategy/Service	
Change Papers/Local Procedure	Х
Guidelines and Protocols	Х
Other	

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