

## FULL EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

<b>Name of Policy, Decision, Strategy, Service or Function, Other: (please indicate)</b>	Domestic Abuse Policy	
<b>Lead Officer Name(s):</b>	Clare Law	
<b>Job Title &amp; Location:</b>	HR Manager	
<b>Department/Service Area:</b>	People and Policy	
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<b>Date Assessment:</b>	<b>Commenced:</b> 1st September 2016	<b>Completed:</b> 14 <sup>th</sup> September 2016

**We carry out Equality Impact Assessments (EIA) to analyse the effects of our decisions, policies or practices. The EIA should be undertaken/started at the beginning of the policy development process – before any decisions are made.**

### 1. OVERVIEW

<b>The main aims/objectives of this policy<sup>1</sup> are:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To demonstrate the Council's commitment to and support for any employee experiencing domestic abuse, whether they approach the Council as a service user or employee;</li> <li>• To increase awareness of domestic abuse, what forms it can take and its likely effects on Rossendale's community;</li> <li>• To contribute to the health and well-being of all sections of the community in order that everyone can enjoy fulfilling lives in and around Rossendale;</li> <li>• To provide advice about appropriate action to take should any employee be experiencing domestic abuse, whether they approach the Council as a service user or employee;</li> </ul>

(Refer to "**EIA Guidance**" for details)

Is the policy or decision under review (please tick)

New/proposed

Modified/adapted

Existing

<b>The main intended people or groups that will be most affected by this policy are:</b>
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<sup>1</sup> Policy refers to any policy, strategy, project, procedure, function, decision or delivery of service.

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All staff employed by the Council and Council service users.

(Refer to "**EIA Guidance**" for details)

## 2. FINDINGS / EVIDENCE

<b>FINDINGS/EVIDENCE: The following information/data has been considered in developing this policy/decision (including any consultation or engagement):</b>	
<b>Information/data obtained and/or Consultation/engagement carried out (please state who with)</b>	<b>What does this tell us? / What does it say?</b>
Consultation with North West Employers Organisation	The draft policy has been reviewed by NWE0.
Consultation with other Local Authorities	Research and consultation has been undertaken with other Local Authorities to support best practice.
Consultation with Management Team and Portfolio Holder	Consultation has been undertaken with the Management Team and Portfolio Holder. No issues have been identified that suggest any adverse impact/possibility for discrimination.
Consultation with Trade Union The updated policy and guidance documents will be taken to JCC on 22 <sup>nd</sup> September 2016 for consultation with the Trade Union.	The updated Policy was taken to JCC on 22 <sup>nd</sup> September 2016 for consultation with the Trade Union. No comments were received.

*Add more/delete rows as required - See **EIA Guidance***

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### 3. EQUALITY IMPACT

Using the table below please indicate whether the policy/strategy/decision has a positive, negative or no impact from an equalities perspective on any of the protected equality groups listed below. **Please also give consideration to wider equality of opportunity and community cohesion impacts within and between the groups identified.** See EIA Guidance

Equality		Positive Impact (It could benefit)	Negative Impact (It could disadvantage)	Reason and any mitigating actions already in place (to reduce any adverse /negative impacts or reasons why it will be of positive benefit or contribution)	No Impact
Age	Older people	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Younger people and children	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Disability	Physical/learning/mental health	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Gender Reassignment	Transsexual people	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Pregnancy and Maternity		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Race (Ethnicity or Nationality)	Asian or Asian British people	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Black or black British people	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Irish people	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	White British	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Chinese people	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Gypsies & Travellers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Other minority communities not listed above (please state)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Belief or Religion		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Gender	Women	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Men	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Sexual Orientation	gay men, gay women / lesbians, and bisexual people	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Marriage and Civil Partnership (employment only)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Contribution to equality of opportunity		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Contribution to fostering good relations between different groups (people getting on well together – valuing one another, respect and understanding)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Human Rights <a href="http://intranet/site/scripts/documents_info.php?categoryID=86&amp;documentID=251">http://intranet/site/scripts/documents_info.php?categoryID=86&amp;documentID=251</a>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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#### 4. OUTCOME OF EIA – COURSE OF ACTION TO BE TAKEN

What course of action does this EIA suggest you take? More than one of the following may apply	Please indicate
<b>Outcome 1: No major change required.</b> The EIA has not identified any potential for discrimination or adverse impact and all opportunities to promote equality have been taken.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Outcome 2: Adjust the policy</b> to remove barriers identified by the EIA or better promote equality. Are you satisfied that the proposed adjustments will remove the barriers identified? If there is a negative impact identified, you must consider (and evidence/record) what mitigating actions you have or will put in place to reduce the negative impact where/if possible, and to enhance the positive impact. This might include any partnership discussions/working that needs to be undertaken. Complete EIA Action Plan as appropriate.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Outcome 3: Continue the policy despite potential for negative impact</b> or missed opportunities to promote equality identified. You will need to ensure that the EIA clearly sets out the justifications for continuing with it. You should consider whether there are sufficient plans to reduce the negative impact and/or plans to monitor the actual impact. This might include any partnership discussions/working that needs to be undertaken. Complete EIA Action Plan as appropriate.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Outcome 4: Stop and rethink</b> the policy when the EIA shows actual or potential unlawful discrimination or significant negative impact that can not be justified or mitigated against. <u>You must speak to Clare Law (2457)</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**If a negative impact as been identified and there are no sufficient mitigating actions in place or planned. Please see the guidance and you must speak to/ see advice from your Head of Service or Head of People and Policy.**

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## 5 . EIA ACTION PLAN & REVIEW

**Based on the impact assessment, findings/evidence and outcomes identified above, please complete the Action Plan below – these should be actions arising as a result of undertaking the EIA.**

The Action Plan should address (not exhaustively):-

- Any gaps in findings/evidence research including any consultation or engagement regarding the policy and its actual/potential affects.
- How you will address any gaps.
- What practical changes/action will help reduce any negative impacts that you have identified.
- What practical changes/action will help enhance any positive contributions to equality.

**Further Actions Required:** Yes  No

### EIA Action Plan

Issue	Action required	Lead officer	Timescale

Please add more rows if required.

***Actions arising from the Impact assessment should form part of the business planning process for service areas.***

### Monitoring & Reviewing the Effect of the Policy

Please state how you will monitor the impact and effect of this policy and where this will be reported:

No impact of the policy will continue to be monitored

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