



Environmental Impact Assessment [version 1.1]

Proposal title: Re-commissioning of Bristol’s Young People’s Specialist Substance Use Treatment Service		
Project stage and type: <input type="checkbox"/> Initial Idea Mandate <input type="checkbox"/> Outline Business Case <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full Business Case		
<input type="checkbox"/> Policy <input type="checkbox"/> Strategy <input type="checkbox"/> Function <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Service <input type="checkbox"/> Other [please state]	<input type="checkbox"/> New <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Already exists / review	<input type="checkbox"/> Changing
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Service Area: Healthy Children and Families		Lead Officer role: Consultant in Public Health

Step 1: What do we want to do?

The purpose of this Environmental Impact Assessment is to help you develop your proposal in a way that is compliant with the council’s policies and supports the council’s strategic objectives under the [One City Climate Strategy](#), the [One City Ecological Emergency Strategy](#) and the latest [Corporate Strategy](#).

This assessment should be started at the beginning of the project proposal process by someone with a good knowledge of the project, the service area that will deliver it, and sufficient influence over the proposal to make changes as needed.

It is good practice to take a team approach to completing the Environmental Impact Assessment. See further [guidance](#) on completing this document. Please contact the [Environmental Performance Team](#) early for advice and feedback.

1.1 What are the aims and objectives/purpose of this proposal?

Briefly explain the purpose of the proposal and why it is needed. Please use plain English, avoiding jargon and acronyms.

This proposal seeks approval to commence re-procurement of the Young People’s Specialist Substance Misuse Treatment Service for young people aged 17 and under who use drugs and alcohol and have complex needs, including poor mental health. The aim of the service is to prevent the escalation of drug and alcohol use and related harm, including stopping young people from becoming drug or alcohol dependent adults.

Nationally, approximately 48% of young people who enter drug and alcohol treatment have a mental health need. For this reason, the current service sits within the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS), delivered by Avon and Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust. The Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service is part of the wider Community Children’s Health Partnership (CCHP) contract, which expires on 31st March 2027. The Young People’s Specialist Substance Misuse Treatment Service must therefore be re-procured from this date to continue meeting the needs of this vulnerable population.

1.2 Will the proposal have an environmental impact?

Could the proposal have either a positive or negative effects for the environment now or in the future? If ‘No’ explain why you are sure there will be no environmental impact, then skip steps 2-3 and request review by the [Environmental Performance Team](#).

If ‘Yes’ complete the rest of this assessment.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	[please select]
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1.3 If the proposal is part of an options appraisal, has the environmental impact of each option been assessed and included in the recommendation-making process?

If 'Yes' please ensure that the details of the environmental impacts of each option are made clear in the pros and cons section of the [project management options appraisal document](#).

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not applicable	[please select]
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If 'No' explain why environmental impacts have not been considered as part of the options appraisal process.

Step 2: What kinds of environmental impacts might the project have?

Analysis of impacts must be rigorous. Please demonstrate your analysis of any impacts of the proposal in this section, referring to evidence you have gathered. See detailed [guidance documents](#) for advice on identifying potential impacts.

2.1 Does the proposal create any benefits for the environment, or have any adverse impacts?

Outline any potential benefits of the proposal and how they can be maximised. Identify how the proposal will support [our corporate environmental objectives](#) and the wider [One City Climate and Ecological Emergency strategies](#).

Consider how the proposal creates environmental impacts in the following categories, both now and in the future.

Reasonable efforts should be made to quantify stated benefit or adverse impacts wherever possible.

Where the proposal is likely to have a beneficial impact, consider what actions would enhance those impacts. Where the proposal is likely to have a harmful impact, consider whether actions would mitigate these impacts.

Enhancements or mitigation actions are only required when there is a likely impact identified. Remember that where enhancements or mitigation actions are listed, they should be assigned to staff and appropriately resourced.

GENERAL COMMENTS (highlight any potential issues that might impact all or many categories)		
<p>ENV1 Carbon neutral: Emissions of climate changing gases</p> <p>BCC has committed to achieving net zero emissions for its direct activities by 2025, and to support the city in achieving a Just Transition to net zero by 2030.</p> <p>Will the proposal involve transport, or the use of energy in buildings? Will the proposal involve the</p>	<p>Benefits</p>	<p>Re-commissioning this service will help reduce the demand for illegal drugs amongst young people, leading to decreased production, energy consumption, and greenhouse gas emissions. For example, growing marijuana consumes significant energy; less demand for marijuana means less carbon dioxide emissions.</p> <p>Re-commissioning this service will help prevent the escalation of health issues from drug misuse, thereby reducing hospital admissions and the energy required for treating individual patients.</p> <p>Re-commissioning this service allows us to redesign the service in ways that encourage the provider to reduce carbon dioxide emissions, for example, by setting specific carbon reduction targets as part of the new service specification.</p>

<p>purchase of goods or services? If the answer is yes to either of these questions, there will be a carbon impact.</p> <p>Consider the scale and timeframe of the impact, particularly if the proposal will lead to ongoing emissions beyond the 2025 and 2030 target dates.</p> <p>Further guidance</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No impact</p>	<p>Enhancing actions</p>	<p>As part of the tendering process, we will emphasise the importance of a positive environmental impact, including reduced carbon dioxide emissions, by including these factors in our assessment and scoring.</p>
	<p>Persistence of effects: <input type="checkbox"/> 1 year or less <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 – 5 years <input type="checkbox"/> 5+ years</p>	
	<p>Adverse impacts</p>	<p>The service contributes to carbon dioxide emissions through activities such as workers traveling by car to delivery sites, and the running of sites which use energy for heating and lighting.</p>
	<p>Mitigating actions</p>	<p>In redesigning the service as part of the re-procurement, we will promote actions to reduce carbon dioxide emissions. This includes encouraging the use of sustainable transport by workers, delivering the service from venues accessible by public transport, and maximising the use of existing venues like children's centres.</p>
<p>Persistence of effects: <input type="checkbox"/> 1 year or less <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 – 5 years <input type="checkbox"/> 5+ years</p>		
<p>ENV2 Ecological recovery: Wildlife and habitats</p> <p>BCC has committed to 30% of its land being managed for nature and to halve its use of pesticides by 2030.</p> <p>Consider how your proposal can support increased space for nature, reduced use of pesticides, reduce pollution to waterways, and reduce consumption of products that undermine ecosystems around the world.</p> <p>If your proposal will directly lead to a reduction in habitat within Bristol, then consider how your proposed mitigation can lead to a biodiversity net gain. Be sure to refer to quantifiable changes wherever possible.</p> <p>Further guidance</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No impact</p>	<p>Benefits</p>	<p>Re-commissioning this service will help reduce drug misuse among young people, leading to lower illegal drug production and less damage to habitats. The production of synthetic drugs like ecstasy and MDMA generates ten times their weight in chemical waste, while amphetamine production generates nearly thirty times its weight in waste. The disposal of this waste often pollutes water and land, harming habitats, wildlife, and biodiversity.</p>
	<p>Enhancing actions</p>	<p>As part of the tendering process, we will emphasise the importance of a positive environmental impact, including actions that contribute towards ecological recovery, by prioritising these factors in our assessment and scoring (where relevant).</p>
	<p>Persistence of effects: <input type="checkbox"/> 1 year or less <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 – 5 years <input type="checkbox"/> 5+ years</p>	
	<p>Adverse impacts</p>	
	<p>Mitigating actions</p>	
<p>Persistence of effects: <input type="checkbox"/> 1 year or less <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 – 5 years <input type="checkbox"/> 5+ years</p>		

<p>ENV3 A cleaner, low-waste city: Consumption of resources and generation of waste</p> <p>Consider what resources will be used as a result of the proposal, how they can be minimised or swapped for less impactful ones, where they will be sourced from, and what will happen to any waste generated</p> <p>Further guidance</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No impact</p>	<p>Benefits</p> <p>Re-commissioning this service will help to reduce the overall demand for, and production of, illegal drugs, helping to reduce the consumption of resources and generation of waste associated with drug misuse.</p> <p>There are lots of single use products associated with drug misuse (e.g., plastic wrapping and needles) which are often littered or disposed of incorrectly. A reduction in drug misuse will limit the amount of drug associated waste and littering.</p> <p>The prevention of conditions that arise from drug misuse will also reduce the need for the single use products used in the treatment of patients in hospitals.</p>
	<p>Enhancing actions</p> <p>Re-commissioning this service gives us the opportunity to redesign the service in ways that further reduce the consumption of resources and generation of waste. For example, we will encourage the provider to offer safe needles and proper disposal options.</p>
	<p>Persistence of effects: <input type="checkbox"/> 1 year or less <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 – 5 years <input type="checkbox"/> 5+ years</p>
	<p>Adverse impacts</p> <p>Re-commissioning this service means that there will be a continuation of the waste produced in the day to day running of the service.</p>
	<p>Mitigating actions</p> <p>In redesigning the service, we will encourage the provider to take steps to minimise waste and ensure it is disposed of correctly when it is produced. This could include performance metrics and targets on consumption and waste disposal.</p>
<p>Persistence of effects: <input type="checkbox"/> 1 year or less <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 – 5 years <input type="checkbox"/> 5+ years</p>	
<p>ENV4 Climate resilience: Bristol’s resilience to the effects of climate change</p> <p>Bristol’s climate is already changing, and increasingly frequent instances of extreme weather will become more likely over time.</p> <p>Consider how the proposal will perform during periods of extreme weather (particularly heat and flooding).</p> <p>Consider if the proposal will reduce or increase risk to</p>	<p>Benefits</p> <p>The re-commissioning of this service will allow us to put an emphasis on the continual running of this service throughout extreme conditions.</p>
	<p>Enhancing actions</p> <p>Climate resilience measures for the service will be a point of emphasis in the scoring of service specifications.</p>
	<p>Persistence of effects: <input type="checkbox"/> 1 year or less <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 – 5 years <input type="checkbox"/> 5+ years</p>
	<p>Adverse impacts</p> <p>Service sites may not be able to comfortably accommodate a large amount of service users and staff throughout extreme weather.</p>

<p>people and assets during extreme weather events.</p> <p>Further guidance</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No impact</p>	<p>Mitigating actions</p>	<p>During the recommissioning process we will encourage the use of online communication in order to continue parts of the service virtually throughout extreme weather. A reduction in capacity on sites during extreme weather will make it more comfortable for those who need to attend sites in person. To assess these actions, we will review the provider’s Business Continuity Plans as part of the re-tendering process.</p>
<p>Persistence of effects: <input type="checkbox"/> 1 year or less <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 – 5 years <input type="checkbox"/> 5+ years</p>		
<p>Statutory duty: Prevention of Pollution to air, water, or land</p> <p>Consider how the proposal will change the likelihood of pollution occurring to air, water, or land and what steps will be taken to prevent pollution occurring.</p> <p>Further guidance</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No impact</p>	<p>Benefits</p>	<p>There are opportunities within the service to implement actions that reduce pollution, including, for example, making greater use of online delivery methods to reduce the need for travel to the service (reducing pollution from unsustainable transport).</p>
<p>Enhancing actions</p>	<p>In the new service specification, we will encourage the provider to maximise the use of online delivery methods, alongside taking other actions to reduce pollution. We will assess these actions as part of ongoing performance monitoring of the service.</p>	
<p>Persistence of effects: <input type="checkbox"/> 1 year or less <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 – 5 years <input type="checkbox"/> 5+ years</p>		
<p>Adverse impacts</p>	<p>Re-commissioning the service means that staff and service users will continue to need to travel to work or to access the service. This may involve the use of cars or motorbikes, which are high pollutants.</p>	
<p>Mitigating actions</p>	<p>We will encourage the provider to promote sustainable forms of travel (e.g., through cycle to work schemes and bike storage), as well as exploring opportunities for services to be delivered as locally as possible to minimise the need to travel long distances.</p>	
<p>Persistence of effects: <input type="checkbox"/> 1 year or less <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 – 5 years <input type="checkbox"/> 5+ years</p>		

Step 3: Actions

3.1 Action Plan

Use this section summarise and assign responsibility for any actions you have identified to improve data, enhance beneficial, or mitigate negative impacts. Actions identified in section two can be grouped together if named responsibility is under the same person.

This action plan should be updated at each stage of the project. Please be aware that the Sustainable City and Climate Change Service may use this action plan as an audit checklist during the project’s implementation or operation.

Enhancing / mitigating action required	Responsible Officer	Timescale
<p>In redesigning the service, we will require the provider to minimise harmful environmental impacts and maximise benefits, for example minimising single use products, implementing waste management programmes, and limiting travel where possible.</p>	<p>Charly Williams</p>	<p>Oct 2024 to Sept 2025</p>
<p>We will build into the new service specification, ongoing data collection and monitoring of the environmental impact of the service by the provider and commissioner, with mitigating actions taken as needed.</p>	<p>Charly Williams</p>	<p>Oct 2024 to Sept 2025 (for service specification development, but this action will be</p>

Enhancing / mitigating action required	Responsible Officer	Timescale
		ongoing once the new contract starts)
In tendering the service, we will implement mechanisms to assess the environmental impact of potential providers and promote positive outcomes. This will include questions on their environmental impact and scoring weighted towards these factors.	Charly Williams	Aug 2025 to May 2026

Step 4: Review – for completion by the Environmental Performance Team

The Sustainable City and Climate Change Service need at least five working days to comment and feedback on your impact assessment. Assessments should only be marked as reviewed when they provide sufficient information for decision-makers on the environmental impact of the proposal. Please seek feedback and review from the [Environmental Performance Team](#) before final submission of your decision pathway documentation¹.

Where impacts identified in this assessment are deemed significant, they will be summarised here and included on the cover sheet of the decision pathway documentation.

Summary of significant beneficial impacts and opportunities to support the Climate, Ecological and Corporate Strategies (ENV1,2,3,4):
BCC’s Environmental Impact Assessment has determined no significant beneficial impacts from the proposal.
Summary of significant adverse impacts and how they can be mitigated:
BCC’s Environmental Impact Assessment has determined no significant adverse impacts from the proposal.

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Date: 29/07/2024	Date: 25/07/2024

¹ Review by the Environmental Performance Team confirms there is sufficient information for decision makers to consider the most relevant environmental impacts at the current stage of the proposal. This is not an endorsement or approval of the proposal.