

Bristol City Council Equality Impact Relevance Check



This tool will identify the equalities relevance of a proposal, and establish whether a full Equality Impact Assessment will be required. Please read the guidance prior to completing this relevance check.

What is the proposal?	
Name of proposal	South Central Residential Framework
Please outline the proposal.	<p>Independently provided children's residential care is a key means by which the Council complies with its duties under the Children and Young Persons Act to provide high quality care to looked after children. Currently the majority of these placements are purchased through the South West Consortium Framework Agreement, a contract that expires in March 2020.</p> <p>In anticipation of this we are recommending that Bristol join the established Southampton City Council led South Central Framework will enable us to meet this duty whilst ensuring that we are compliant with EU procurement regulations.</p>
What savings will this proposal achieve?	There are no projected savings attached to this proposal.
Name of Lead Officer	Hannah Gillett

Could your proposal impact citizens with protected characteristics? (This includes service users and the wider community)
Please outline where there may be significant opportunities or positive impacts, and for whom.
<p>The new framework will mean improved quality assurance processes to ensure that we are using good providers. It will also mean that there is better information for the council, children and young people when deciding where to make a placement.</p> <p>The procurement process ensures that all providers on the framework demonstrate that their organisation will operate in accordance with the Equality Act 2010 and the s.149 Public Sector Equality Duty.</p>
Please outline where there may be significant negative impacts, and for whom.
None anticipated

Could your proposal impact staff with protected characteristics?

(i.e. reduction in posts, changes to working hours or locations, changes in pay)

Please outline where there may be significant opportunities or positive impacts, and for whom.

The proposal does not impact on BCC staff

Please outline where there may be negative impacts, and for whom.

The proposal does not impact on BCC staff.

Is a full Equality Impact Assessment required?

Does the proposal have the potential to impact on people with protected characteristics in the following ways:

- access to or participation in a service,
- levels of representation in our workforce, or
- Reducing quality of life (i.e. health, education, standard of living)

Please indicate yes or no. If the answer is yes then a full impact assessment must be carried out. If the answer is no, please provide a justification.

No. The proposal relates to how we buy placements from external providers and not the number or type of placements we buy. There may be some benefits to the population through improved quality assurance arrangements, but an EqIA is not required to maximise these.

Service Director sign-off and date:



Ann James, Director – 8th August 2019

Equalities Officer sign-off and date:

Reviewed by Equalities and Community Cohesion Team 30/7/2019