



# Environmental Impact Assessment [version 1.0]

<b>Proposal title:</b> Direct Award of Bristol Primary Care Sexual Health Services Contracts		
<b>Project stage and type:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Initial Idea Mandate <input type="checkbox"/> Outline Business Case <input 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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## 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 [Sustainable City and Climate Change Service](#) 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.

To seek approval to make a direct award of the contracts for Bristol’s primary care sexual health services to general practices and community pharmacies that can fulfil the requirements of the service specification from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025 and delegated authority to formalise the service specification ensuring that it meets all national and local requirements.

### 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 [Sustainable City and Climate Change Service](#).

If ‘Yes’ complete the rest of this assessment.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b>	[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"/> <b>Yes</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Not applicable</b>	[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.

<b>GENERAL COMMENTS</b> (highlight any potential issues that might impact all or many categories)		
<p>The most significant adverse impacts of this proposal relate to single-use plastics, for example plastic speculums, and the prescribing of medicines, which account for around 25% of carbon emissions within the NHS: <a href="#">Pharmacy's Role in Climate Action and Sustainable Healthcare   RPS (rpharms.com)</a>. The NHS Long Term Plan was published in January 2019. It outlines some key commitments to help the NHS be a low carbon institution and lead by example in sustainable development. These commitments include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reducing carbon emissions</li> <li>• Improving air quality</li> <li>• Reduction of single use plastics</li> <li>• Improving efficiency and adopting new innovations to reduce waste, water and carbon.</li> </ul> <p>Delivering the proposed services in the community at general practices and community pharmacies local to where residents live would result in environmental benefits through a reduced travel need, and therefore a reduction in associated emissions and air pollution. It may also increase active transport and have a positive impact on people's physical activity.</p> <p>Local authority-commissioned primary care sexual health services are one small aspect of the broader health services that primary care providers offer, which come with wider implications around estates, waste management, pollution and complexity of supply chains that are beyond the scope of this assessment. The local authority are keen to work collaboratively with the providers to reduce the environmental impact of the services we commission.</p>		
<p><b>ENV1 Carbon neutral: Emissions of climate changing gases</b></p> <p>BCC has committed to achieving net zero emissions for its direct activities by 2025, and to support the city</p>	<p><b>Benefits</b></p>	<p>Enabling people to access healthcare in the community and closer to home reduces the need for people to travel from across Bristol to a single or small number of locations. By having services closer to where people live this will may encourage more people to walk or cycle to their general practice or community pharmacy, having a positive impact on their physical activity.</p>

<p>in achieving net zero by 2030.</p> <p>Will the proposal involve transport, or the use of energy in buildings? Will the proposal involve the 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><a href="#">Further guidance</a></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>No impact</b></p>	<p><b>Enhancing actions</b></p>	
	<p><b>Persistence of effects:</b>    <input type="checkbox"/> 1 year or less            <input type="checkbox"/> 1 – 5 years            <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5+ years</p>	
	<p><b>Adverse impacts</b></p>	<p>Medicines account for ~25% of carbon emissions within the NHS, the total of which was estimated to be 6.1MtCO<sub>2</sub>e in 2020 (<a href="#">delivering-a-net-zero-national-health-service.pdf (england.nhs.uk)</a>), and the dispensing of emergency hormonal contraceptives will be contributing to this, albeit on a very small scale. In 2022-23, Bristol community pharmacists dispensed emergency hormonal contraception to more than 2,700 young women aged 15-24.</p>
	<p><b>Mitigating actions</b></p>	<p>Pharmacists and prescribers have a professional responsibility to ensure more sustainable use of medicines and to decrease the carbon footprint and environmental risk of all pharmaceutical care, and a commitment to the sustainable use of medicines will be explicitly stated in the service specification.</p>
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<p><b>ENV2 Ecological recovery: Wildlife and habitats</b></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><a href="#">Further guidance</a></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>No impact</b></p>	<p><b>Benefits</b></p>	
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<p><b>ENV3 A cleaner, low-waste city: Consumption of resources and generation of waste</b></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><a href="#">Further guidance</a></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>No impact</b></p>	Benefits	
	Enhancing actions	
	Persistence of effects: <input type="checkbox"/> 1 year or less <input type="checkbox"/> 1 – 5 years <input type="checkbox"/> 5+ years	
	Adverse impacts	High single-use plastic in fitting coils through the use of plastic speculums. In 2022-23, there were 3,355 coils fitted for contraceptive purposes in women of reproductive age as reported by Bristol general practices.
	Mitigating actions	Support and encourage a move towards re-usable stainless steel speculums by making this a key future service sustainability goal in the specification, and clearly state support for the commitments made nationally by the Royal College of General Practitioners: <a href="https://www.rcgp.org.uk">Sustainable development, climate change and green issues (rcgp.org.uk)</a> and the Royal Pharmaceutical Society: <a href="https://www.rpharms.com">Pharmacy's Role in Climate Action and Sustainable Healthcare   RPS (rpharms.com)</a>
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<p><b>ENV4 Climate resilience: Bristol's resilience to the effects of climate change</b></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 people and assets during extreme weather events.</p> <p><a href="#">Further guidance</a></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>No impact</b></p>	Benefits	
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<p><b>Statutory duty: Prevention of Pollution to air, water, or land</b></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><a href="#">Further guidance</a></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>No impact</b></p>	<b>Benefits</b>	
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## 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
All actions listed in ENV1 and ENV3	F Altinoluk-Davis	31/03/2024

## Step 4: Review

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 [Sustainable City and Climate Change Service](#) before final submission of your decision pathway documentation<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> Review by the Sustainable City and Climate Change Service confirms there is sufficient analysis for decision makers to consider the likely environmental impacts at this stage. This is not an endorsement or approval of the proposal.

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.

<b>Summary of significant beneficial impacts and opportunities to support the Climate, Ecological and Corporate Strategies (ENV1,2,3,4):</b>
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<b>Summary of significant adverse impacts and how they can be mitigated:</b>
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<b>Date:</b> 11/08/2023	<b>Date:</b> 11/08/2023