



Environmental Impact Assessment [version 1.0]

Proposal title: ASC Discharge Grant 2024/25	
Project stage and type: <input type="checkbox"/> Initial Idea Mandate <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Changing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Already exists / review
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Service Area: Commissioning	Lead Officer role: D2A (Discharge to Assess) Commissioning Transformation Manager

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 email environmental.performance@bristol.gov.uk 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.

- Support to build additional adult social care reablement capacity to reduce hospital discharge delays; support hospital admission avoidance; and improve promoting independence outcomes for and with service users/patients.
- Support the principles of 'Discharge to Assess' to enable timely discharge from hospital with appropriate short-term support, where needed, pending assessment of long-term care needs.

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 sending this form to environmental.performance@bristol.gov.uk

If 'Yes' complete the rest of this assessment.

Yes No [please select]

It will have an impact in the sense that Care Agency staff used for the proposed Bridging Service will travel to service users' homes to support them. Some staff will use own transport (as opposed to public transport). Beyond this no environmental impact identified.

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](#).

Yes
 No
 Not applicable
 [please select]

If 'No' explain why environmental impacts have not been considered as part of the options appraisal process.

There are a range of dedicated service and spend proposals. Some new some pre-existing. An option appraisal has not been carried out for each of them. Many of the proposals are contractual and have little or no environmental impact e.g. software licence costs.

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.

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 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</p>	Benefits	<p>In theory the carbon impact could be calculated by projecting the number of hospital bed-days and ambulances responses likely to be avoided by the scheme (for which there are average carbon factors), against the emissions impact of the measures taken to avoid them. In practice, since NHS hospitals now spend much of the year at near 100% operational capacity, it is more likely to prevent trolley waits in corridors than bed-days. There is no emissions data available for this. In addition, the measures taken are varied and small scale, and no emissions data is available for these.</p>
	Enhancing actions	
Persistence of effects: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 year or less <input type="checkbox"/> 1 – 5 years <input type="checkbox"/> 5+ years		

<p>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>Adverse impacts</p> <p>The same offices and staff used for other social care services will conduct Bridging Service home visits. There will be no change in office space and its associated emissions. It seems likely that staff will be making further use of their own vehicles to conduct additional home visits for the Bridging Service, but it is possible that some of these visits would have taken place in any case through one of the other services offered. It is therefore difficult to quantify any increase in travel emissions from the Bridging Service.</p>	
	<p>Mitigating actions</p> <p>Measure the change in staff travel for home visits for 12 months following the introduction of the Bridging Service. This will show how much the introduction of such a service changes the distance travelled for home visits, which may be useful to consider when similar proposals are made in future.</p>	
	<p>Persistence of effects: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 year or less <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> No impact</p>	<p>Benefits</p>	
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<p>ENV3 A cleaner, low-waste city: Consumption of resources and generation of waste</p>	<p>Benefits</p> <p>It is likely that shortening hospital stays by providing bridging care, or diverting people away from acute hospital treatment by establishing alternative treatment options is likely to reduce hospital waste. However, this cannot be quantified for the same reasons that emissions cannot be quantified – no data exists for waste arising from corridor trolley waits, or for the new services being set up.</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>Enhancing actions</p>	
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<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 people and assets during extreme weather events.</p> <p>Further guidance</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No impact</p>	<p>Benefits</p>	
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<p>Statutory duty: Prevention of Pollution to air, water, or land</p>	<p>Benefits</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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> No impact</p>	<p>Enhancing actions</p>	
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	<p>Mitigating actions</p>	

Step 3: 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
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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 by emailing environmental.performance@bristol.gov.uk before final submission of your decision pathway documentation¹.

¹ 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 by the Sustainable City and Climate Change Service and must be included in the 'evidence base' section of the decision pathway cover sheet.

Summary of significant beneficial impacts and opportunities to support the Climate, Ecological and Corporate Strategies (ENV1,2,3,4):
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Summary of significant adverse impacts and how they can be mitigated:
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