



Equality Impact: Screening and Assessment Form

Section 1: Policy details - policy is shorthand for any activity of the organisation and could include strategies, criteria, provisions, functions, practices and activities including the delivery of our service.	
a. Name of policy or practice (list also any linked policies or decisions)	SAS Special Operations Response Team (SORT) assistance with bariatric patients Standard Operating Procedure (SOP)
b. Name of department	National Risk & Resilience Department
c. Name of Lead	Drew Sloan, Special Operations Manager
d. Equality Impact Assessment Team [names, job roles]	Steve Lillie, SORT Paramedic Kenny Rattray, SOR Team Leader Neil McDonald, SORT Manager Drew Sloan, SORT Manager
e. Date of assessment	
f. Who are the main target groups / who will be affected by the policy?	Special Operations Response Teams, Ambulance Control Centres.
g. What are the intended outcomes / purpose of the policy?	To be used in addition to the SAS bariatric SOP and ensure a consistent approach by SORT and Ambulance Control Centre (ACC) in support to divisional crews
h. Is the policy relevant to the General Duty to eliminate discrimination? advance equality of opportunity? foster good relations?	Yes
If yes to any of the three needs complete all sections of the form (2- 7) If no to all of the three needs provide brief detail as to why this is the case and complete only section 7 If don't know: complete sections 2 and 3 to help assess relevance	

Section 2: Evidence, consultation and involvement			
Please list the available evidence used to assess the impact of this policy, including the sources listed below. Please also identify any gaps in evidence and what will be done to address this.			
a. Previous consultation / involvement with community, including individuals or groups or staff as relevant. Please outline details of any involvement / consultation, including dates carried out and protected characteristics			
Details of consultations - where, who was involved	Date	Key findings	Protected characteristics
			Age
			Disability
			Gender reassignment
			Gender / sex
			Marriage / civil partnership *
			Pregnancy / maternity
			Race
			Religion / belief
			Sexual orientation
Graham Foreman, ergonomics advisor	14/02/17	General discussion to best practice. No change to existing SAS bariatric SOP	Cross cutting - e.g. health inequalities - people with poor mental health, low incomes, involved in the criminal justice system, those with poor literacy, are homeless or those who live in rural areas. Other?

	Available evidence
b. Research and relevant information	SOP G11 – Transportation of bariatric patients SORT Pre-Determined Attendance procedures ACC Emergency Operating procedures SAS management of H&S HS007a – Bariatric patient handling
c. Knowledge of policy lead	
d. Equality monitoring information -- including service and employee information	
e. Feedback from service users, partner or other organisations as relevant	General discussion with SOR team members and control room staff
f. Other	
g. Are there any gaps in evidence? Please indicate how these will be addressed	
Gaps identified	
Measure to address these; give brief details. Further research? Consultation? Other	
Note: specific actions relating to these measures can be listed at section 5	

Section 3: Analysis of positive and negative impacts

Please detail impacts in relation to the three needs specifying where the impact is in relation to a particular need - eliminating discrimination, advancing equality of opportunity and fostering good relations

Protected characteristics	i. Eliminating discrimination	ii. Advancing equality of opportunity	iii. Fostering good relations
Age			
Positive impacts			
Negative impacts			
Opportunities to enhance equality			
Disability			
Positive impacts			
Negative impacts			
Opportunities to enhance equality			
Gender reassignment			
Positive impacts			
Negative impacts			
Opportunities to enhance equality			
Gender / sex			
Positive impacts			
Negative impacts			
Opportunities to enhance equality			
Marriage / civil partnership			
Positive impacts			
Negative impacts			
Opportunities to enhance equality			
Pregnancy / maternity			
Positive impacts			

Negative impacts	
Opportunities to enhance equality	
Race	
Positive impacts	
Negative impacts	
Opportunities to enhance equality	
Religion / belief	
Positive impacts	
Negative impacts	
Opportunities to enhance equality	
Sexual orientation	
Positive impacts	
Negative impacts	
Opportunities to enhance equality	
Cross cutting - e.g. health inequalities people with poor mental health, low incomes, involved in the criminal justice system, those with poor literacy, are homeless or those who live in rural areas.	
Other	
Positive impacts	Clear guidelines in ensuring a consistent approach to bariatric patients improving service delivery and care.

Negative impacts	Possible delay in patient transportation whilst awaiting additional support
Opportunities to enhance equality	The SOP is in Arial font and will be available electronically on @sas, as such it can be printed on paper appropriate to persons with dyslexia.
Note: specific actions relating to these measures can be listed at section 5	

Section 4: Addressing impacts Select which of the following apply to your policy and give a brief explanation - to be expanded in Section 5: Action plan	
	Reasons
a. No major change - the EQIA shows that the policy is robust, there is no potential for discrimination or adverse impact and all opportunities to promote equality have been taken	No change to existing impacts as only deployment procedure is changing.
b. Adjust the policy – the EQIA identifies potential problems or missed opportunities and you are making adjustments or introducing new measures to the policy to remove barriers or promote equality or foster good relations	
c. Continue the development and implementation of the policy without adjustments – the EQIA identifies potential for adverse impact or missed opportunity to promote equality. Justifications for continuing without making changes must be clearly set out, these should be compelling and in line with the duty to have due regard. See option d. if you find unlawful discrimination. Before choosing this option you must contact the Equalities Manager to discuss the implications.	

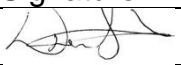
<p>d. Stop and remove the policy - there is actual or potential unlawful discrimination and these cannot be mitigated. The policy must be stopped and removed or changed. Before choosing this option you must contact the Equalities Manager to discuss the implications.</p>	
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Section 5: Action plan Please describe the action that will be taken following the assessment in order to reduce or remove any negative / adverse impacts, promote any positive impacts, or gather further information or evidence or further consultation					
Action	Output	Outcome	Lead responsible	Date	Protected characteristic / cross cutting issue*
ACC to notify SORT Leader at an early stage to prepare for bariatric assist.	SORT Leader to gather as much information as possible to determine appropriate	Early deployment to reduce on scene waiting time	ACC/SOR Team Leader	As required	

	response				

* list which characteristic is relevant - age, disability, gender reassignment, gender / sex, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion / belief, sexual orientation or cross cutting issue e.g. poor mental health, illiteracy etc

Section 6: Monitoring and review Please detail the arrangements for review and monitoring of the policy	
	Details
a. How will the policy be monitored? Provide dates as appropriate	Post incident feedback from staff to include what went well and lessons learned.
b. What equalities monitoring will be put in place?	Highlighted issues will be acted upon with individual improvements put in place.
c. When will the policy be reviewed? Provide a review date.	Annually or following significant incident Next review April 2018

Section 7: Sign off Please provide signatures as appropriate			
Name of Lead	Title	Signature	Date
Drew Sloan	SORT Manager		17 April 2017
Completed form: copy of completed form to be retained by department and copy forwarded to Equalities Manager for publication on Service website			
Provide date this was sent	17 April 2017		