Equality Impact Assessment

EIA of Reunification Support Service (RSS)

Did you use the EIA Screening Tool? No

1. Explaining the matter being assessed

Is this a:

A new service or function

Summarise the strategy, policy, service(s), or function(s) being assessed.

This new service to be assessed is called the Reunification Service Support (RSS), which launched in October 2022 following a year-long pilot.

Reunification is when a looked after child or young person (referred to as a child in this document) returns home to live within their family network following a period of being in Local Authority Care. Reunification is most successful when it is well planned, based on robust assessment of risks considering the child and birth family. If planned well, children go home slowly and where appropriate, services are put in place to support the family for as long as they are needed.

The overall aims of the reunification service support are to:

Ensure that children can return to the care of their parent(s) [or other person within the family network] at the earliest opportunity, if safe to do so and in their best interests

Ensure that when reunification occurs, it is successful with the child remaining at home, and not needing to return to Care within a 6

are to:

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2. Service Users / Residents

Who may be affected by this activity?

The following stakeholder groups will be impacted by the reunification service:
Look after children
Families of looked after children
Foster Carers

Describe here the considerations and concerns in relation to the programme/policy

The reunification service is a service for all SCC-

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3. Staff

Not applicable

4. Recommendation

Recommended outcome: 1

Confirm which outcome you are recommending

Explanation:

This EIA has not identified any potential for discrimination or negative impact, and all opportunities to promote equality have been undertaken

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5. Action plan and monitoring arrangements

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Insert your action plan here, based on the mitigations recommended.

Involve you Assessment Team in monitoring progress against the actions above.

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The above provides historical data about each update made to the Equality Impact Assessment.

Please include the name of the author, date and notes about changes made   so that you can refer to what changes have been made throughout this iterative process.

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