

EQIA Submission – ID Number

Section A

EQIA Title

SEND Strategy Refresh

Responsible Officer

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Approved by (Note: approval of this EqIA must be completed within the EqIA App)

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Type of Activity

Service Change

No

Service Redesign

No

Project/Programme

No

Commissioning/Procurement

No

Strategy/Policy

Strategy/Policy

Details of other Service Activity

No

Accountability and Responsibility

Directorate

Children Young People and Education

Responsible Service

SEND

Responsible Head of Service

Alice Gleave - CY EPA

Responsible Director

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Aims and Objectives

This strategy refresh builds on the work of the previous strategy, published in 2021, and has been jointly developed by Kent County Council and the NHS in conjunction with children and young people, parents and carers, Kent PACT and other key stakeholders.

This strategy has been developed alongside the delivery of the Written Statement of Action and forms part of Kent's response to the inspection. Progress has been made to address the issues highlighted by the inspection,

however, the document goes beyond the inspection and sets out how we will continue to improve the outcomes for children and young people into the future.

Our vision statement:

'Support children and young people to achieve; through living healthy, safe lives in which they feel seen and included'

The strategy refresh includes our priorities below:

Priority One: Improve the way we work with children and young people, parents and carers.

Priority Two: Ensure children, young people and their families' have positive experiences at each stage of their journey including a well-planned and smooth transition to adulthood.

Priority Three: Identify and assess the needs of children and young people earlier and more effectively.

Priority Four: Improve education, care and health outcomes for children and young people with SEND.

Priority Five: Ensure children and young people with SEND are included in their local community.

This Equality Impact Assessment finds that there is a low adverse equality impact rating.

It is a high-level strategic document that is intended to be ambitious and positive about improving the outcomes and quality of life for children and young people with SEND within the county. Therefore, it has county-wide application and will have county-wide impacts. At this stage after early engagement with stakeholders and before formal consultation, there appear to be no negative/adverse impacts on protected groups.

Section B – Evidence

Do you have data related to the protected groups of the people impacted by this activity?

Yes

It is possible to get the data in a timely and cost effective way?

Yes

Is there national evidence/data that you can use?

Yes

Have you consulted with stakeholders?

Yes

Who have you involved, consulted and engaged with?

Parents/Carer's

Children and Young people

Council for Disabled Children

Kent PACT

Educational Professionals

Has there been a previous Equality Analysis (EQIA) in the last 3 years?

No

Do you have evidence that can help you understand the potential impact of your activity?

Yes

Section C – Impact

Who may be impacted by the activity?

Service Users/clients

Service users/clients

Staff

Staff/Volunteers

Residents/Communities/Citizens

Residents/communities/citizens

Are there any positive impacts for all or any of the protected groups as a result of the activity that you are doing?

Yes

Details of Positive Impacts

There is potential for the strategy to set out outcomes and objectives that promote equality for children and young people with all protected characteristics, and to promote relations between groups. A number of equality considerations that could improve quality of life for people with protected characteristics have been identified and have been fed into the drafting of the refreshed strategy.

Positive impact also continues in the area of creating more feedback and engagement opportunities with the Kent Community. The refreshed strategy will allow for more parents, carers, families, children and young

people to express their opinion and give greater chances to continue improve the document to ensure that we are continuing work to improve their quality of life.

Negative impacts and Mitigating Actions

19. Negative Impacts and Mitigating actions for Age

Are there negative impacts for age?

No. Note: If Question 19a is "No", Questions 19b,c,d will state "Not Applicable" when submission goes for approval

Details of negative impacts for Age

Not Completed

Mitigating Actions for Age

Not Completed

Responsible Officer for Mitigating Actions – Age

Not Completed

20. Negative impacts and Mitigating actions for Disability

Are there negative impacts for Disability?

No. Note: If Question 20a is "No", Questions 20b,c,d will state "Not Applicable" when submission goes for approval

Details of Negative Impacts for Disability

Not Completed

Mitigating actions for Disability

Not Completed

Responsible Officer for Disability

Not Completed

21. Negative Impacts and Mitigating actions for Sex

Are there negative impacts for Sex

No. Note: If Question 21a is "No", Questions 21b,c,d will state "Not Applicable" when submission goes for approval

Details of negative impacts for Sex

Not Completed

Mitigating actions for Sex

Not Completed

Responsible Officer for Sex

Not Completed

22. Negative Impacts and Mitigating actions for Gender identity/transgender

Are there negative impacts for Gender identity/transgender

No. Note: If Question 22a is "No", Questions 22b,c,d will state "Not Applicable" when submission goes for approval

Negative impacts for Gender identity/transgender

Not Completed

Mitigating actions for Gender identity/transgender

Not Completed

Responsible Officer for mitigating actions for Gender identity/transgender

Not Completed

23. Negative impacts and Mitigating actions for Race

Are there negative impacts for Race

No. Note: If Question 23a is "No", Questions 23b,c,d will state "Not Applicable" when submission goes for approval

Negative impacts for Race

Not Completed

Mitigating actions for Race

Not Completed
Responsible Officer for mitigating actions for Race
Not Completed
24. Negative impacts and Mitigating actions for Religion and belief
Are there negative impacts for Religion and belief
No. Note: If Question 24a is "No", Questions 24b,c,d will state "Not Applicable" when submission goes for approval
Negative impacts for Religion and belief
Not Completed
Mitigating actions for Religion and belief
Not Completed
Responsible Officer for mitigating actions for Religion and Belief
Not Completed
25. Negative impacts and Mitigating actions for Sexual Orientation
Are there negative impacts for Sexual Orientation
No. Note: If Question 25a is "No", Questions 25b,c,d will state "Not Applicable" when submission goes for approval
Negative impacts for Sexual Orientation
Not Completed
Mitigating actions for Sexual Orientation
Not Completed
Responsible Officer for mitigating actions for Sexual Orientation
Not Completed
26. Negative impacts and Mitigating actions for Pregnancy and Maternity
Are there negative impacts for Pregnancy and Maternity
No. Note: If Question 26a is "No", Questions 26b,c,d will state "Not Applicable" when submission goes for approval
Negative impacts for Pregnancy and Maternity
Not Completed
Mitigating actions for Pregnancy and Maternity
Not Completed
Responsible Officer for mitigating actions for Pregnancy and Maternity
Not Completed
27. Negative impacts and Mitigating actions for Marriage and Civil Partnerships
Are there negative impacts for Marriage and Civil Partnerships
No. Note: If Question 27a is "No", Questions 27b,c,d will state "Not Applicable" when submission goes for approval
Negative impacts for Marriage and Civil Partnerships
Not Completed
Mitigating actions for Marriage and Civil Partnerships
Not Completed
Responsible Officer for Marriage and Civil Partnerships
Not Completed
28. Negative impacts and Mitigating actions for Carer's responsibilities
Are there negative impacts for Carer's responsibilities
No. Note: If Question 28a is "No", Questions 28b,c,d will state "Not Applicable" when submission goes for approval
Negative impacts for Carer's responsibilities
Not Completed
Mitigating actions for Carer's responsibilities

Not Completed

Responsible Officer for Carer's responsibilities

Not Completed