

The **public sector Equality Duty** (Section 149 of the Equality Act) requires public bodies to have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, advance equality of opportunity, and foster good relations between different people carrying out their activities.

The Equality Duty supports good decision making – it encourages public bodies to be more efficient and effective by understanding how different people will be affected by their activities, so that their policies and services are appropriate and accessible to all and meet different people's needs. The Council's Equality and Safety Impact Assessment (ESIA) includes an assessment of the community safety impact assessment to comply with section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act and will enable the council to better understand the potential impact of the budget proposals and consider mitigating action.

Name or Brief	Delegated authority to procure an integrated reproductive		
Description of	and sexual health service with neighbouring CCGs and		
Proposal	local authorities for Southampton		
Brief Service	This proposal relates not to a service, but to an approach		
Profile	to future procurement of a service to achieve the best		
(including	balance of service capacity, resilience, clinical quality,		
number of	accessibility and patient choice.		
customers)	In terms of the use of current level 3 Sexual Health		
	services by Southampton residents there are		
	approximately 30,000 attendances/contacts per year. The		
	majority relate to attendances for family planning (45%)		
	and GUM/STI services (58%), with smaller proportions for		
	terminations of pregnancy (5%) and psychosexual		
	counselling (2%). Some attendances will be for repeat		
	users of these services, particularly for GUM/STI		
	services. Where possible, family planning contacts will		
	be recommended a Long Acting Reversible Contraceptive		
	treatment which will typically last 3-5 years.		
Summary of	Overall, exploring collaborative options for the		
Impact and	procurement of this service would provide the best scope		
Issues	for maintaining an integrated model of service (already in		

	place) and therefore would not of itself constitute a			
	change that should have a specific impact negative			
	impact. Deciding not to procure the service collaboratively			
	would risk undermining the integrated pathways that			
	already exist across CCG and SCC commissioned			
	services.			
Potential	The impact of following a collaborative approach to the			
Positive Impacts	procurement of an integrated model would be minimal, as			
	it would maintain the advantages of the model of service			
	delivery already on offer in the City.			
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Date	January 2016			

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Date	January 2016

## **Potential Impact**

Impact Assessment	Details of Impact	Possible Solutions & Mitigating Actions
Age	None anticipated if integrated	If collaborative
	service model is maintained	procurement of integrated
	through collaborative	sexual health service is
	procurement.	agreed none is needed.
Disability	None anticipated if integrated	If collaborative
	service model is maintained	procurement of integrated
	through collaborative	sexual health service is
	procurement.	agreed none is needed.
Gender	None anticipated if integrated	If collaborative
Reassignment	service model is maintained	procurement of integrated
	through collaborative	sexual health service is
	procurement.	agreed none is needed.
Marriage and	None anticipated if integrated	If collaborative
Civil	service model is maintained	procurement of integrated
Partnership	through collaborative	sexual health service is
	procurement.	agreed none is needed.
Pregnancy	None anticipated if integrated	If collaborative

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Assessment		Mitigating Actions
and Maternity	service model is maintained	procurement of integrated
	through collaborative	sexual health service is
	procurement.	agreed none is needed.
Race	None anticipated if integrated	If collaborative
	service model is maintained	procurement of integrated
	through collaborative	sexual health service is
	procurement.	agreed none is needed.
Religion or	None anticipated if integrated	If collaborative
Belief	service model is maintained	procurement of integrated
	through collaborative	sexual health service is
	procurement.	agreed none is needed.
Sex	None anticipated if integrated	If collaborative
	service model is maintained	procurement of integrated
	through collaborative	sexual health service is
	procurement.	agreed none is needed.
Sexual	None anticipated if integrated	If collaborative
Orientation	service model is maintained	procurement of integrated
	through collaborative	sexual health service is
	procurement.	agreed none is needed.
Community	None anticipated if integrated	If collaborative
Safety	service model is maintained	procurement of integrated
	through collaborative	sexual health service is
	procurement.	agreed none is needed.
Poverty	None anticipated if integrated	If collaborative
	service model is maintained	procurement of integrated
	through collaborative	sexual health service is
	procurement.	agreed none is needed.
Other	None anticipated if integrated	If collaborative
Significant	service model is maintained	procurement of integrated
Impacts	through collaborative	sexual health service is
	procurement.	agreed none is needed.