

Title of proposed EIA	Supported Housing Strategy for Birmingham
Reference No	EQUA1003
EA is in support of	New Strategy
Review Frequency	Two Years
Date of first review	01/10/2024
Directorate	Adults Social Care
Division	Commisioning
Service Area	Prevention and Community Assets.
Responsible Officer(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Jason Bartlett
Quality Control Officer(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Julie Bach
Accountable Officer(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> John Hardy
Purpose of proposal	To provide a strategy for Birmingham focusing on the exempt sector and supported housing which will be part of a suite of housing strategies including the overarching Housing Strategy for the City and the Homelessness Strategy.
Data sources	Consultation Results; relevant reports/strategies
Please include any other sources of data	Market analysis Needs analysis Relevant research. Market intelligence
	Supported Housing Strategy: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Oxford Brookes University which combines ONS population and Department of Health data• a survey issued to all Supported Housing Providers in the City in December 2020.

ASSESS THE IMPACT AGAINST THE PROTECTED CHARACTERISTICS

Protected characteristic: Age	Service Users / Stakeholders; Wider Community
Age details:	

Protected Characteristic Age

This strategy is a framework for the supported housing sector which affects stakeholders, landlords and citizens across Birmingham. It would have a positive impact on the health and wellbeing of all family members living in supported housing, from birth. Although the Supported Housing strategy does not focus on children or older people there may be an impact on all ages across the City as some people living in exempt accommodation are families with children, but this type of accommodation is usually single room/one bedroom.

- ***Service user impact***

- The impact is expected to be positive by providing a framework to enable access to regulated supported housing across Birmingham.

- ***Wider community impact***

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 - People with Multiple/complex needs.
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Protected characteristic: Disability

Service Users / Stakeholders; Wider Community

Disability details:

Protected Characteristic Disability

Although the service is not specifically designed to support this Protected Characteristic the strategy will have a positive impact on citizens with a disability.

The key groups identified within the strategy are:

- **People experiencing mental ill health**, people with drug and alcohol dependency and people who have, **physical/learning disabilities** that are below the threshold of care.
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- ***Service user impact***
- The impact is expected to be positive as individual's wellbeing and health will be

improved for example by providing support for citizens to access medical care and health checks addressing any disability issues they may face.

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 - People with Multiple/complex needs.
- The impact on the wider community will be positive across all disabilities.

Protected characteristic: Sex

Service Users / Stakeholders; Wider Community

Gender details:

Protected Characteristic Gender

This strategy encompasses the needs of all genders but is not written specifically for a single gender.

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- People with Multiple/complex needs.
- The impact on the wider community will be positive regardless of gender.

Protected characteristics: Gender Reassignment

Service Users / Stakeholders; Wider Community

Gender reassignment details:

Protected Characteristic Gender Reassignment

This strategy encompasses the needs of all gender, including those transitioning or who have undergone gender reassignment, but is not written specifically for a single gender.

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- Individual's wellbeing and health will be improved for example by providing support for homeless people to access medical care and health checks addressing any issues they may face irrespective of gender.

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- The impact on the wider community will be positive

across all genders.

Protected characteristics: Marriage and Civil Partnership

Service Users/ Stakeholders; Wider Community

Marriage and civil partnership details:

Protected Characteristic Marriage and Civil Partnership

The strategy encompasses the needs of protected characteristics of Marriage and Civil Partnership and also included.

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 - People with Multiple/complex needs.
- The impact on the wider community will be positive for all marriages or civil partnerships.

Protected characteristics: Pregnancy and Maternity

Service Users / Stakeholders; Wider Community

Pregnancy and maternity details:

Protected Characteristic Pregnancy and Maternity

The strategy will support the health and wellbeing of those under the Pregnancy and Maternity protected characteristic and their children.

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- Individual's wellbeing and health will be improved for example by providing support for citizens people to access medical care and health checks addressing any issues they may face.
- Support will be available for any pregnant individual and for pre and post maternity care, in particular for teenage parents.

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- The impact on the wider community will be positive.

Community

Race details:

Protected Characteristic Race

The strategy will address the needs of diverse communities living within Birmingham.

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- Individual's wellbeing and health will be improved for example by providing support for citizens to access medical care and health checks addressing specific cultural factors.

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- The impact on the wider community will be positive across all races.

Protected characteristics: Religion or Beliefs

Service Users / Stakeholders; Wider Community

Religion or beliefs details:

Protected Characteristic Religion or Beliefs

The strategy provides a framework and to enable citizens' religions and beliefs to be considered

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- The impact on the wider community will be positive across all religions and beliefs.

Protected characteristics: Sexual Orientation

Service Users / Stakeholders; Wider Community

Sexual orientation details:

Protected Characteristic Sexual

Orientation

This strategy encompasses the needs of all citizens across the sexual orientation spectrum.

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- The impact on the wider community will be positive.

Monitoring and evaluation

The Supported Housing Strategy has an action plan, and these will be monitored and evaluated to ensure progress is being made.

Socio-economic impacts

The Housing Supported Strategy will have a range of positive socio-economic impacts including:

Needs are met before they escalate

into crisis
Statutory or higher cost intervention
are avoided or reduced
Outcomes for the individual are
improved.

Effectively respond and implement ad
hoc or short-term funding and
funding applications to central
government; essentially enabling the
services to deliver and respond to the
high demands of service pressure.

Sustained prevention wellbeing
support pathway for those living in
precarious housing

Please indicate any actions arising from completing this screening exercise.

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an action plan, that will be monitored
and evaluated to ensure progress is
being made.

The Supported housing strategy aims
to support citizens before they hit
crisis. Covid variants, high evictions
from private landlords, high
unemployment and cost of living crisis
have all impacted on this sector.

The current supported housing sector
is unregulated with people living in
unsuitable housing and not receiving
the support they require. The strategy
will address this issue reducing the
quantity of supported housing in the
city whilst improving quality.

Please indicate whether a full impact assessment is recommended

NO

What data has been collected to facilitate the assessment of this policy/proposal?

Consultation analysis

Adverse impact on any people with protected characteristics.

Could the policy/proposal be modified to reduce or eliminate any adverse impact?

How will the effect(s) of this policy/proposal on equality be monitored?

The action plan will be regularly
monitored, and any commissioned
supported housing will be subject to
monitoring and evaluation meeting
appropriate regulations and standards
providing support to Birmingham's
diverse population.

What data is required in the future?

The needs analysis will be updated as new data becomes available. Data and information from commissioned supported housing will be used to measure performance and equality aspects.

Are there any adverse impacts on any particular group(s)

No

If yes, please explain your reasons for going ahead.

Initial equality impact assessment of your proposal

Consulted People or Groups

Informed People or Groups

Summary and evidence of findings from your EIA

The supported housing strategy will support the:

Prevention First Outcomes

Care Act 2014

Homelessness Prevention Strategy



Vision and Strategy for Adult Social Care (2017, refreshed 2020), and the Homelessness Prevention Strategy 2017+

Mental Health Transformation Pathway

Quality Standards No Wrong Door

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- Align vulnerable adult pathways ensuring citizens will be able to receive consistent support which is local thier ward/area

Submit to the Quality Control Officer for reviewing?	No
Quality Control Officer comments	This document has been reviewed and at this stage would not require a full assessment to be made.
Decision by Quality Control Officer	Proceed for final approval
Submit draft to Accountable Officer?	Yes
Decision by Accountable Officer	
Date approved / rejected by the Accountable Officer	
Reasons for approval or rejection	
Please print and save a PDF copy for your records	Yes

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