

Title of proposed EIA	Section 75 Agreements, Pooled/ Aligned Budget Arrangements 2023/24
Reference No	EQUA1206
EA is in support of	Amended Policy
Review Frequency	Two Years
Date of first review	31/03/2025
Directorate	Adults Social Care
Division	Commissioning
Service Area	Strategy and Integration
Responsible Officer(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Richard Doidge
Quality Control Officer(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Michael Walsh
Accountable Officer(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Louise Collett
Purpose of proposal	To enable the Council to extend the Section 75 Agreements with Birmingham and Solihull Integrated Care Board (ICB) for the purposes of the Better Care Fund, Learning Disability and Mental Health
Data sources	Other (please specify)
Please include any other sources of data	NHS Section 75 Guidance Government Better Care Fund Statement and Planning Guidance 2023/24

ASSESS THE IMPACT AGAINST THE PROTECTED CHARACTERISTICS

Protected characteristic: Age

Age details:

Service Users / Stakeholders

The bulk of BCC funding pooled into the BCF via the s75 agreement will provide care packages for older residents. Other areas of spend that particularly support older citizens include funding for out of hospital discharge pathways and a community equipment loan service. No negative impacts are indentified.

Protected characteristic: Disability

Disability details:

Service Users / Stakeholders

BCC is required to pool funding for Disabled Facilities Grants into the BCF via the s75 agreement. This funding is to provide adaptations to enable people to remain living independently

	at home and is an effective mechanism to prevent citizens from needing to move into residential care. Other areas of delivery that are funded via the BCF include the Community Equipment Loan service that supports people with physical disabilities to remain living at home and support for carers. No negative impacts are identified.
Protected characteristic: Sex	Not Applicable
Gender details:	
Protected characteristics: Gender Reassignment	Not Applicable
Gender reassignment details:	
Protected characteristics: Marriage and Civil Partnership	Not Applicable
Marriage and civil partnership details:	
Protected characteristics: Pregnancy and Maternity	Not Applicable
Pregnancy and maternity details:	
Protected characteristics: Race	Not Applicable
Race details:	
Protected characteristics: Religion or Beliefs	Not Applicable
Religion or beliefs details:	
Protected characteristics: Sexual Orientation	Not Applicable
Sexual orientation details:	
Socio-economic impacts	A key impact of the Better Care Fund which is enabled via the s75 agreement is the delivery of a range of services commissioned from locally based companies, supporting jobs and employment in the city. In addition, funded care services have a positive impact on people's ability to remain living independently as part of the community.
Please indicate any actions arising from completing this screening exercise.	None.
Please indicate whether a full impact assessment is recommended	NO
What data has been collected to facilitate the assessment of this policy/proposal?	Section 75 Guidance, Government Policy Statement for the Better Care Fund, including planning guidance for 2023/24.

Consultation analysis

Better Care Fund Programme Board,
Better Care Fund Commissioning
Executive, Adult Social Care
Management Team and the
Birmingham Health and Wellbeing
Board.

No concerns raised on the proposed
extension of the Section 75
Agreements.

Adverse impact on any people with protected characteristics.

None identified. This is a financial
process to enable the creation of a
pooled budget to improve health and
well-being outcomes through better
integration of health and social care
services. In particular, expenditure
through the BCF supports pathways for
hospital discharge - enabling joint
planning and delivery of integrated
pathways that benefit citizens through
earlier discharge with a focus on
returning to their original place of
residence.

Could the policy/proposal be modified to reduce or eliminate any adverse impact? Not applicable.

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

This will be monitored through the
impact of services commissioned
utilising the funding through the
Section 75 Agreements, and as part of
the review process of the Section 75
Agreement itself.

What data is required in the future?

Sufficient data is already available for
the implementation and extension of
the Section 75 Agreements.

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 initial assessment has not identified
any areas that will be adversely
affected through the extension of the
Section 75 Agreements, or the services

commissioned through these pooled/
aligned budget arrangements.

QUALITY CONTORL SECTION

Submit to the Quality Control Officer for reviewing?

No

Quality Control Officer comments

Approved - no adverse equaity impacts
arising from the creation of a pooled
budget via setion 75 agreement.

Decision by Quality Control Officer

Proceed for final approval

Submit draft to Accountable Officer?

Yes

Decision by Accountable Officer

Approve

Date approved / rejected by the Accountable Officer

25/10/2023

Reasons for approval or rejection

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Yes

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