

Title of proposed EIA	Submission of Grant to access Public Health England (PHE) funding from the Rough Sleeping Drug and Alcohol Treatment Grant
Reference No	EQUA575
EA is in support of	Amended Service
Review Frequency	Six Months
Date of first review	01/08/2022
Directorate	Assistant Chief Executive
Division	Public Health
Service Area	Adults Substance Misuse
Responsible Officer(s)	<a href="#">Karl Beese</a>
Quality Control Officer(s)	<a href="#">Chris Baggott</a>
Accountable Officer(s)	<a href="#">Elizabeth Griffiths</a>
Purpose of proposal	To outline the equalities impact of the Grant Submission to PHE in order to access the Substance Misuse of Rough Sleepers Grant
Data sources	relevant reports/strategies; relevant research; Other (please specify)
Please include any other sources of data	Data has been provided by Change, Grow, Live (CGL) as the BCC Commissioned provider for the Birmingham Adults Substance Misuse Service, the BCC Strategic Lead for Rough Sleeping, Trident Reach who are the Lead provider commissioned by BCC for Homeless Outreach and the Mental Health Joint Commissioning Team from the Birmingham and Solihull Clinical Commissioning Group.

ASSESS THE IMPACT AGAINST THE PROTECTED CHARACTERISTICS

Protected characteristic: Age

Not Applicable

Age details:

If the bid for grant funding is successful the subsequent new model to address the substance misuse of rough sleepers will be open access to anyone over the age of 18 as is the case with the current Adults Substance Misuse Service.

Protected characteristic: Disability

Service Users / Stakeholders

Disability details:

Co-occurring substance dependence and mental health conditions are often linked, and prevent people accessing the care they need as both require addressing concurrently and many services are ill-equipped or unable to provide services to meet both needs.

The bid submission will have a positive impact on the protected characteristic of disability as the amended service funded by the PHE Grant (if successful) will address the comorbidity (the presence of more than one disorder in the same person) of mental ill health and substance misuse of service users accessing the amended service.

Protected characteristic: Sex

Not Applicable

Gender details:

If the bid for grant funding is successful the subsequent new model to address the substance misuse of rough sleepers will be open access to anyone over the age of 18 regardless of gender as is the case with the current Adults Substance Misuse Service.

Protected characteristics: Gender Reassignment

Not Applicable

Gender reassignment details:

If the bid for grant funding is successful the subsequent new model to address the substance misuse of rough sleepers will be open access to anyone over the age of 18 regardless of gender reassignment as is the case with the current Adults Substance Misuse Service.

Protected characteristics: Marriage and Civil Partnership

Not Applicable

Marriage and civil partnership details:

If the bid for grant funding is successful the subsequent new model to address the substance misuse of rough sleepers will be open access to anyone over the age of 18 regardless of their marital status as is the case with the current Adults Substance Misuse Service.

Protected characteristics: Pregnancy and Maternity

Not Applicable

Pregnancy and maternity details:

If the bid for grant funding is successful the subsequent new model to address the substance misuse of rough sleepers will be open access to anyone over the age of 18, regardless of pregnancy or maternity status as is the case with the current Adults Substance Misuse Service.

Protected characteristics: Race

Service Users / Stakeholders

Race details:

The Grant submission will have a positive impact on the protected characteristic of Race as the amended service funded by the PHE Grant (if successful) will include the provision of bi-lingual Complex Needs Navigators to ensure engagement with the rough sleeping cohort to whom English is not their first language.

Protected characteristics: Religion or Beliefs

Not Applicable

Religion or beliefs details:

If the bid for grant funding is successful the subsequent new model to address the substance misuse of rough sleepers will be open access to anyone over the age of 18 regardless of their religion or beliefs and will be culturally appropriate as is the case with the current Adults Substance Misuse Service.

Protected characteristics: Sexual Orientation

Not Applicable

Sexual orientation details:

If the bid for grant funding is successful the subsequent new model to address the substance misuse of rough sleepers will be open access to anyone over the age of 18 regardless of their sexual orientation as is the case with the current Adults Substance Misuse Service.

Socio-economic impacts

The bid was developed with multi agency collaboration to ensure it complements and enhances the existing rough sleeping/homeless service provision within the city in order to maximise the opportunities for helping rough sleepers break the cycle of addiction, mental and physical ill health and rough sleeping.

The bid submitted to PHE (if successful) will have a positive impact on those rough sleeping/homeless within Birmingham as it will target a vulnerable cohort and facilitate access to existing Substance Misuse and Homeless services as well as Universal services such as Mental Health, Primary Care and Blood Borne Virus (BBV) testing.

The new model which will be implemented as part of the amended service will also support rough sleepers accommodated in response to the governments 'everyone in' programme in terms of offering a wraparound service to those rough sleepers currently in

Please indicate any actions arising from completing this screening exercise.

emergency/temporary accommodation.

As detailed in this EIA, the co-produced bid submitted by Birmingham City Council to PHE in order to access grant funding will provide a new model and amended service that will address and meet the needs of a vulnerable cohort.

Please indicate whether a full impact assessment is recommended

NO

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

As part of the bid preparation process, data was collated by Birmingham City Council Commissioners and Change, Grow, Live (CGL) - (Service Provider of Adults Substance Misuse Services in Birmingham) in terms of;

- Those rough sleeping/in emergency accommodation

- Those in temporary accommodation/sofa surfing

- Rough sleepers identified by Trident Reach (BCC Homeless Outreach Lead Provider) who are not currently known to the substance misuse service.

This data was included as part of the bid submission to PHE.

During the co-production of the bid, gaps were identified in terms of the identification of rough sleepers with comorbidity as well as establishing need to have bi-lingual workers in order to effectively engage with

	those to whom English is not their first language.
Consultation analysis	No public consultation was undertaken.
Adverse impact on any people with protected characteristics.	No adverse impacts on people with protected characteristics have been identified.
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?	<p>The amended service will have a positive impact on equality as protected characteristic data will be collected as part of the contract monitoring process already in place between BCC and CGL as the service provider. In addition, qualitative intelligence data will be collated and shared amongst existing service providers via formal data sharing protocols which will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Having accurate data on the number of rough sleepers with co-occurring mental ill-health and substance dependence (comorbidity) and whether a formal mental health diagnosis has been undertaken.</li> <li>- Timely access to hospital discharge and prison release data</li> <li>- Improved data sharing amongst existing service providers, including Mental Health and Rough Sleeping Outreach Teams.</li> </ul> <p>Governance will be via contract review meetings between BCC and CGL, the</p>

Birmingham Homeless Forum and Rough Sleeper Action Group.

What data is required in the future?

Accurate and timely data on the numbers of people in Birmingham rough sleeping/homeless will continue to be routinely and regularly gathered and shared amongst service providers and key stakeholders. As services develop and evolve data/intelligence will be routinely monitored and any gaps identified and new datasets developed.

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

No

If yes, please explain your reasons for going ahead.

N/A

Initial equality impact assessment of your proposal

Consulted People or Groups

Informed People or Groups

Summary and evidence of findings from your EIA

This EIA identifies that there will be no adverse impact on any of the protected characteristics as a result of the submission of a grant to access Public Health England (PHE) funding from the Rough Sleeping Drug and Alcohol Treatment Grant.

Equalities monitoring, data and governance requirements have been detailed.

## QUALITY CONTROL SECTION

Submit to the Quality Control Officer for reviewing?

Yes

Quality Control Officer comments



Decision by Quality Control Officer

Submit draft to Accountable Officer?

Yes

Decision by Accountable Officer

Approve

Date approved / rejected by the Accountable Officer

13/10/2020