

## Appendix 4: Equality Impact Assessment

### Assessments - Next Steps Accommodation Programme

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Title of proposed EIA	Next Steps Accommodation Programme
Reference No	EQUA553
EA is in support of	Amended Service
Review Frequency	No preference
Date of first review	01/04/2022
Directorate	Neighbourhoods
Division	Housing
Service Area	Housing Options
Responsible Officer(s)	■ Vicki Pumphrey
Quality Control Officer(s)	■ Karen Huatable
Accountable Officer(s)	■ Martin Tolley
Purpose of proposal	This EA assesses the impact of the proposal to bid for the Ministry of Housing, (MHCLG) new funding for the Accommodation Programme (NSAP).
Data sources	relevant reports/strategies; Statistical Database (please specify); Other (please specify)
Please include any other sources of data	This EA draws upon the following sources of data: <a href="https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/90797">https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/90797</a> <a href="https://www.housing.org.uk/globalassets/files/resource-files/next-steps-accommodation-programme-brief">https://www.housing.org.uk/globalassets/files/resource-files/next-steps-accommodation-programme-brief</a> <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/rough-sleeping-snapshot-in-england-autumn-2019">https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/rough-sleeping-snapshot-in-england-autumn-2019</a> <a href="https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/downloads/download/598/birmingham_homelessness_prevention_strategy">https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/downloads/download/598/birmingham_homelessness_prevention_strategy</a>
ASSESS THE IMPACT AGAINST THE PROTECTED CHARACTERISTICS	
Protected characteristic: Age	Service Users / Stakeholders
Age details:	<p>No negative impact has been identified for this programme. The approval and delivery of this extended service will assist available to rough sleepers, irrespective of age.</p> <p>The majority of people sleeping rough in England are aged over 26 years old. This is similar to previous years.</p> <p>During January to June 2020 a total of 418 individual service users were supported by the Rough Sleeper Outreach; there were no individuals aged 16 or 17. 82% were aged 25 to 50 and 8% aged over 50 years.</p> <p>An annual single night snapshot of the number of people sleeping rough is completed by Local Authorities each autumn published by the MHCLG since the year 2010 to 2019.</p> <p>In Autumn 2019, Birmingham identified 52 rough sleepers, of which none were under 18, 2 were aged 18 to 25, 42 were unknown.</p> <p>Rough sleepers have a lower life expectancy. During the covid pandemic, 16 deaths have been reported of rough sleepers aged 56.</p> <p>Under 18s who are homeless are usually provided with accommodation by our Youth Hub which is delivered in part Basil's, Children's Services and Housing Options.</p>
Protected characteristic: Disability	Service Users / Stakeholders
Disability details:	<p>No negative impact has been identified. The approval of this bid will strengthen the assistance available to rough sleepers of disabilities.</p> <p>Of the current 26 rough sleepers, in excess of 50% have poor physical and/or mental health.</p> <p>Within the most entrenched population of rough sleepers there is a greater prevalence of complex support needs of people who are on the streets for a very short period of time and exit rough sleeping very quickly after an intervention.</p> <p>This proposed programme includes improving disability access at Washington Court. This provides emergency beds couples.</p>
Protected characteristic: Gender	Service Users / Stakeholders
Gender details:	<p>No negative impact has been identified. The approval of this will strengthen the assistance available to rough sleepers of gender.</p> <p>Across the country, men are much more likely to sleep rough than women and this is also true in Birmingham.</p> <p>During January to June 2020 a total of 418 individual service users were supported by the Rough Sleeper Outreach; majority were male and 15% female.</p>

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Race details:	<p>The majority of people sleeping rough on a single night in England in 2019 were from the UK.</p> <p>National legislation and policy usually dictates a different approach in the case of some individuals from outside the nationals are not entitled to access some services provided in the city.</p> <p>On March 26, MP Luke Hall, Minister for Local Government and Homelessness, wrote to local authorities across the house every rough sleeper by the end of the weekend. Birmingham achieved this which also included 70-80 people public funds (NRPF). This bid proposes to continue supporting people with NRPF.</p> <p>It is considered highly likely that this will have a significant and positive impact for this group of NRPF individuals as</p> <p>During January to June 2020 a total of 418 individuals were supported by the outreach service and the following re-captured.</p> <table> <tr><td>Arab</td><td>5</td></tr> <tr><td>British Indian</td><td>5</td></tr> <tr><td>British Asian other</td><td>6</td></tr> <tr><td>British Pakistani</td><td>8</td></tr> <tr><td>British Black African</td><td>20</td></tr> <tr><td>British Black Caribbean</td><td>12</td></tr> <tr><td>Black other</td><td>4</td></tr> <tr><td>Chinese</td><td>4</td></tr> <tr><td>Kurdish</td><td>1</td></tr> <tr><td>Mix white/Asian</td><td>1</td></tr> <tr><td>White/Black Caribbean mix</td><td>5</td></tr> <tr><td>White/Black African mix</td><td>1</td></tr> <tr><td>Mix other</td><td>1</td></tr> <tr><td>Pashtun</td><td>3</td></tr> <tr><td>Persian</td><td>1</td></tr> <tr><td>White British</td><td>281</td></tr> <tr><td>White Irish</td><td>4</td></tr> <tr><td>White other</td><td>42</td></tr> <tr><td>NK</td><td>9</td></tr> <tr><td>Refused</td><td>2</td></tr> <tr><td>Total</td><td>418</td></tr> </table>	Arab	5	British Indian	5	British Asian other	6	British Pakistani	8	British Black African	20	British Black Caribbean	12	Black other	4	Chinese	4	Kurdish	1	Mix white/Asian	1	White/Black Caribbean mix	5	White/Black African mix	1	Mix other	1	Pashtun	3	Persian	1	White British	281	White Irish	4	White other	42	NK	9	Refused	2	Total	418
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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?	<p>The gender, nationality and age of rough sleepers are collected and reported to the Ministry of Housing, Communities &amp; Local Government (MHCLG) as part of the annual snapshot count who publish an annual report. This considered as well as the Outreach Team service users records.</p> <p>The Homelessness Prevention Strategy and related Rough Sleeping Addendum set out the commitment to prevent and the ways in which this is to be achieved.</p>																																										
Consultation analysis	<p>MHCLG expects local authorities to design bids for accommodation and support services through a coproduction process the opportunity and an outline of the approach has been discussed at the Birmingham Homelessness Partnership in August 2020, as well as the Rough Sleeper Action Group, and the Birmingham Homelessness Forum. An invitation is the Homelessness Partnership Board to any partners wishing to put forwards proposals for consideration as part of</p> <p>For the region the Next Steps Funding Programme has been discussed at the Homelessness Taskforce and the Rough Through this channel each local authority has outlined their approach as well as agreeing a proposal to work together Advisory Group (MAG) of the Homelessness Taskforce also received an outline of the regional approach to Next Step</p>																																										
Adverse impact on any people with protected characteristics.	None																																										
Could the policy/proposal be modified to reduce or eliminate any adverse impact?	N/A																																										

How will the effect(s) of this policy/proposal on equality be monitored?	Robust measures will be put in place for monitoring the impacts of this proposal and its equalities impacts.
What data is required in the future?	As a minimum, the age, gender and nationality of service users is required.
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	The programme and fund have been created to ensure no return to rough sleeping for all people brought into temp during the coronavirus outbreak. This proposal is likely therefore to have positive impacts on all groups and wider c of the person's age, gender, sexual orientation, transgender, race, faith or belief or disability.
Consulted People or Groups	
Informed People or Groups	
Summary and evidence of findings from your EIA	There is no evidence that any of the proposed services included in this bid are inaccessible for any particular group. Furthermore, proposals to commission a transition centre which enables people's needs to be assessed more holist period of time is likely to have a positive impact on all groups.
QUALITY CONTROL SECTION	
Submit to the Quality Control Officer for reviewing?	No
Quality Control Officer comments	Thank you for submitting your EIA. My comments are as follows: 1. There is the word During in the Race section and it does not have anything else written after the word? complete the sentence or delete the word during? 2. Please can you write the full wording for MHCLG at the point that the acronym first appears in the docu  Once this has been completed please tick the box to enable it be returned to me as the Quality Control Off your patience and support with this.
Decision by Quality Control Officer	Proceed for final approval
Submit draft to Accountable Officer?	No
Decision by Accountable Officer	Approve
Date approved / rejected by the Accountable Officer	03/09/2020
Reasons for approval or rejection	
Please print and save a PDF copy for your records	Yes
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Person or Group	
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