

# Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust: Equality Impact Assessment

## Step 2 - Screening Tool

Please complete the following when screening your policy or service for potential impact on equality groups.

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Directorate or Department and Team	Hospital Palliative Care Team Speciality Medicine
<b>2. Name of service or policy</b>	Liverpool Care Pathway for the dying patient core documentation
Is this a new or existing piece of work?	Update of existing guideline version 3.0
<b>3. Target audience</b> e.g. patients and public; NHS staff; professional health organisations; voluntary organisation; internal staff	Hospital doctors, nurses and allied health professionals.
<b>4. What are the aims of the service/policy?</b> i.e. what does the policy or service hope to achieve?	The aim of the guideline is to standardise and improve the quality of care for patients at end of life within the hospital setting using an integrated care pathway for the last hours or days of life. This guidance is recommended by the National End of Life Programme.
<b>5. Does any part of this service or policy have the potential to have an adverse impact based on a person's age, disability, ethnic origin, gender, religion/belief or sexual orientation?</b> <i>If No, please provide brief reasons.</i>	No End of life care is applicable to all adults, whatever a persons' ability or disability, ethnic origin, gender, religion or cultural belief, sexuality. It depends upon the person having an illness that is in the terminal stages.
<b>6. Are there any factors that could lead to different outcomes or satisfaction levels based on people's age, disability, ethnic origin, gender, religion/belief or sexual orientation?</b> <b>If No, please provide brief reasons.</b>	No The guidelines aim to provide an equal standard of care for all adult patients.

If you have answered yes to any of questions 5 or 6, you must now complete a full Equality Impact Assessment using the proforma provided by the Trust.

If you have answered No to all of the above questions, a full assessment is not required. Please complete the following sign-off section and send a copy of this screening to your Head of Service, Matron or Head of Department as appropriate **and** to Liz Abbiss, Head of Communications at Trust HQ.

**Name of person completing this screening: Dr Joanne Bowen**

**Job Title: Consultant Palliative Medicine**

**Date sent to Head of Service, Matron or Head of department: 20.3.13**

**Date sent to Head of Communications, Trust HQ: July 2013**

For advice relating to completion of this screening, please contact Human Resources on 456111, ext 3807