

Dudley Group of Hospitals: 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	Research & Development
2. Name of service or policy	Policy for taking and documenting informed consent for research studies
Is this a new or existing piece of work?	Existing
3. Target audience e.g. patients and public; NHS staff; professional health organisations; voluntary organisation; internal staff	NHS staff taking informed consent for research studies
4. What are the aims of the service/ policy? i.e. what does the policy or service hope to achieve?	Potential participant is fully informed about benefits and risks of study, what will happen to them, their responsibilities as a study participant. Staff member gives participant sufficient time to decide, obtains written informed consent, completes documentation correctly in medical notes and for purposes of the study.
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? <i>If No, please provide brief reasons.</i>	No, the policy itself is designed to make it clear to participant that taking part in research is completely voluntary and aims to provide participant with sufficient information to make an informed choice as to whether to take part.
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? If No, please provide brief reasons.	No, it is generally acknowledged that participants from ethnic minorities are nationally under-represented in research studies for several reasons, but the policy itself does not discriminate. Coverage by the interpreting service could be considered a factor, but not this policy per se.

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: Margaret Marriott

Job Title: Research & Development Facilitator

Date sent to Head of Service, Matron or Head of department: 30/10/2009

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For advice relating to completion of this screening, please contact Human Resources on 456111, ext 3251