

EIA Record

Date of EIA **November 17th 2005**
 Directorate **Education, Children's Services and Libraries**

		Step
Function or policy to be assessed	Policy and Procedure for the Assessment and Support of Young Carers and their Families	1
Is it a policy or function	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Policy <input type="checkbox"/> Function	
Is it a new or existing policy or function?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Existing	
Aim / objective / purpose of the policy or function	<p>The purpose of the policy/function is to:</p> <p>To set out the local policy and procedure for delivering services to young carers in accordance with the legislation. Young carers are children and young persons under 18 who provide care, assistance or support to another family or household member. They carry out regular, significant and substantial caring tasks and assume a level of responsibility, which would usually be associated with an adult. Local authorities have a duty to consult, inform, support and protect children who find themselves in a caring role that impacts upon their own welfare, development and aspirations.</p> <p>The relevant legislation is:</p> <p>The Carers (Recognition and Services) Act 1995 The Carers and Disabled Children Act 2000, The Children Act 1989 (Section 17)</p>	
Who is responsible for the policy or function?	<p>The person/section/team responsible for this policy/function is:</p> <p>Children's Social Care Services, Time Square, Bracknell. The service is provided on behalf of Children's Services by Bracknell Forest Voluntary Action in accordance with the Service Level Agreement.</p>	
With regard to the equalities themes, which groups might be impacted by the policy or function?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Race <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Disability <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gender <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Age <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion or Belief <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sexual Orientation	2
Which groups might be affected adversely ?	There is no anticipated likelihood of differential or adverse impact. There is practice guidance in the policy with regard to illness or disability, family structure, gender, race culture, and religion.	
On what grounds can adverse or differential impact be justified?		
What evidence has been found to indicate that the policy or function might need to be amended? (Include any consultation undertaken)	None at present.	3
What consultation will be necessary to support or confirm your conclusions?	<p><i>If evidence cannot be found to suggest how a function or policy can be amended, additional research and consultation must be considered.</i></p> <p>The policy has been published for public comment prior to executive decision.</p>	4

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Will the conclusions drawn reduce or remove adverse or differential impact?	N/A	5
What changes are proposed to the policy or function to reduce or remove adverse or differential impact?	N/A	6
Has the information in this EIA been made publicly available and where?	The EIA will be published on the Bracknell Forest BC public website following approval of the new policy.	7
Into which plan or strategy has the necessary action been incorporated?	Delivery and receipt of the service is a legal requirement for the Council, and services are provided according to eligibility under legislation. The service is part of the Council's requirement to provide services for carers through the use of the Carers' Grant.	8
What monitoring arrangements have been put in place?	Referrals are selected and monitored by the Young Carers Panel . The quality of the service will be reviewed annually in accordance with the requirements of the Service Level Agreement.	9