

EIA Record

Date of EIA

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Directorate

Education, Children's Services and Libraries

Function or policy to be assessed	Policy and Procedure for Contact between Looked After Children and their Families
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 type="checkbox"/> New <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Existing
Aim / objective / purpose of the policy or function	The purpose of the policy/function is to: Meet the requirements of the Children Act 1989 Schedule 2 regarding the duty to promote, encourage and facilitate contact between looked after children, their families of origin and others who have played an important part in their lives.
Who is responsible for the policy or function?	The person/section/team responsible for this policy/function is: The Children's Social Care Service, Time Square, Bracknell
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 type="checkbox"/> Gender <input type="checkbox"/> Age <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion or Belief <input type="checkbox"/> Sexual Orientation
Which groups might be affected adversely ?	<input type="checkbox"/> Race <input type="checkbox"/> Disability) <input type="checkbox"/> Gender <input type="checkbox"/> Age) None of these <input type="checkbox"/> Religion or Belief) <input type="checkbox"/> Sexual Orientation)
On what grounds can adverse or differential impact be justified?	N/A
What evidence has been found to indicate that the policy or function might need to be amended? (Include any consultation undertaken)	None at present
What consultation will be necessary to support or confirm your conclusions?	<i>If evidence cannot be found to suggest how a function or policy can be amended, additional research and consultation must be considered.</i> These are direct legal requirements. The policy has been published for public comment prior to executive decision.
Will the conclusions drawn reduce or remove adverse or differential impact?	N/A
What changes are proposed to the policy or function to reduce or remove adverse or differential impact?	There is practice advice in the policy with regard to religion, culture, language, race and health care. Delivery and receipt of the service is a legal requirement for the Council, the carers and the child(ren), so service users are not selected by choice or preference.
Has the information in this EIA been made publicly available and where?	Yes Place BfNET
In to which plan or strategy has the necessary action	The policy is a legal requirement under the Children Act 1989. The revision of this policy is part of the overall revision and update of the Policy Framework for Children's Services.

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been incorporated?	
What monitoring arrangements have been put in place?	Referrals are subject to ethnic monitoring. The quality of practice is routinely monitored in the personal supervision of social workers.