

Equality Analysis



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What are the proposals being assessed?	Proposed budget savings CSF 2018-02
Which Department/ Division has the responsibility for this?	CSF/Children's Social Care

Stage 1: Overview

Name and job title of lead officer	Paul Angeli (AD Children's Social Care/Youth Inclusion)
1. What are the aims, objectives and desired outcomes of your proposal? (Also explain proposals e.g. reduction/removal of service, deletion of posts, changing criteria etc)	<p>CSF2018-02. The LA will delete a management post in the Children with Disabilities Team with effect from 2019/20. This deletion will require a small restructuring of the team and lead to an increased responsibility for the team manager in this team. This will allow us to secure £50,000 savings.</p> <p>With effect from 2019/20, there will be a reduction of Family Support workers at Bond Road Family Centre. This will allow us to secure £55,000 savings. This will require deletion of posts. The reduction will in effect lead to a reduction of provision to vulnerable children between the ages of 5 and 11. The service works with children in need and subject to child protection plans. The proposals reduce the capacity of the service to work with about 40 families.</p> <p>As part of our Early Help offer we administer and provide support to schools and other agencies who complete early help assessments. With effect from 2019/20 there will be re grading and reduction in support for early intervention assessments. There will be a re grading of the current post to a social work grade and the administrative staff member will be changed to be part time. This will secure savings of £25,000.</p>
2. How does this contribute to the council's corporate priorities?	This proposal contributes to the corporate priority of setting a balanced budget, while prioritising services to children and families in line with our Wellbeing Model.
3. Who will be affected by this proposal? For example who are the external/internal customers, communities, partners, stakeholders, the workforce etc.	<p>Proposals to reduce management oversight of cases in Children With Disabilities: will have an impact on the staff in the disabilities service as they will have less access to managerial support.</p> <p>Proposal to reduce Bond Road capacity by reducing Family Support Workers will impact on users of the centre. These are children in need and subject to child protection plans between the ages of 5 and 11. This reduction will lead to an overall drop in service provision to approximately 40 families or about 60-80 children in the year. It constitutes an overall drop in service of about 10%. As this is a service targeted to some of the more vulnerable families in the borough, the reduction in capacity will necessarily impact on</p>

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	<p>some of these. The service will continue to try to identify and prioritise access to services for those families that are most vulnerable.</p> <p>The reduction in resources for early assessment may potentially result in an impact on partners. The role has a promotional role in driving early assessment and early help and the change in the posts' capacity may lead to less use of CASA and a reduction in access to early help over time.</p>
<p>4. Is the responsibility shared with another department, authority or organisation? If so, who are the partners and who has overall responsibility?</p>	<p>The CWD works closely with colleagues from SENDIS, Health and Social Care. Delivery of services for children with disabilities is a shared council function and is part of SENDIS. Overall responsibility for delivery remains with the department.</p> <p>Bond Road: These services are not shared with any other departments. Colleagues in Health, Education and Social Care will be impacted through the reduction in capacity to provide a service to families they are working with. Health and Education services refer in to Bond Road. Responsibility sits with Children's Social Care.</p> <p>The CASA post is based in Children's Social Care and works extensively with partners working with children. These include schools, children's centres, early years settings, health and the voluntary sector.</p>

Stage 2: Collecting evidence/ data

5. What evidence have you considered as part of this assessment?

Provide details of the information you have reviewed to determine the impact your proposal would have on the protected characteristics (equality groups).

We have information about caseloads and the ratios of staff to managers in the service. Children with Disabilities are known evidentially to be some of the most vulnerable children in our system.

We have data available from our review of Bond Road. This has provided an insight into the impact of the reduction in posts.

We have data about CASA use from 2017-18 and we are able to understand a potential impact on use.

Stage 3: Assessing impact and analysis

6. From the evidence you have considered, what areas of concern have you identified regarding the potential negative and positive impact on one or more protected characteristics (equality groups)?

Protected characteristic (equality group)	Tick which applies Positive impact		Tick which applies Potential negative impact		Reason Briefly explain what positive or negative impact has been identified
	Yes	No	Yes	No	
	Age			*	
Disability			*		The proposals relate to children with disabilities. We anticipate a small impact as the reduction in capacity is managerial.
Gender Reassignment		*			
Marriage and Civil Partnership		*			
Pregnancy and Maternity		*			
Race		*			
Religion/ belief		*			
Sex (Gender)			*		Women who are the main users of Bond Road and CSC services generally will be impacted.
Sexual orientation		*			
Socio-economic status			*		This work tends to be with the most vulnerable socio-economic groups and therefore the reduction in services will be felt disproportionately by them.

7. Equality Analysis Improvement Action Plan template – Making adjustments for negative impact

This action plan should be completed after the analysis and should outline action(s) to be taken to mitigate the potential negative impact identified (expanding on information provided in Section 7 above).

Negative impact/ gap in information identified in the Equality Analysis	Action required to mitigate	How will you know this is achieved? e.g. performance measure/ target)	By when	Existing or additional resources?	Lead Officer	Action added to divisional/ team plan?
There will be some impact on the oversight of children with disabilities	Y	On going performance management and auditing of the service will be required.	On Going	Existing resources	Gordon Murray	Y
There will be a negative impact on provision for young children and their families subject to a child protection plan	Y	Review of Bond Road underway to review service configuration and eligibility criteria	Oct 2018	Existing resources	Gordon Murray	Y
As above	Y	Early Help review to identify how children in need and subject to a Child Protection Plan can access children's centres provision.	Nov 2018	Existing resources	Gordon Murray	Y
There will be a gap in the support available for CASA delivery.	Y	Work to take place with partners and MSCB so CASA is promoted as part of early help and safeguarding of children.	Jan 2019	Existing Resources	Paul Angeli	Y

Note that the full impact of the decision may only be known after the proposals have been implemented; therefore it is important the effective monitoring is in place to assess the impact.

Stage 4: Conclusion of the Equality Analysis

8. Which of the following statements best describe the outcome of the EA (Tick one box only)

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OUTCOME 1



OUTCOME 2





OUTCOME 3



OUTCOME 4



Stage 5: Sign off by Director/ Head of Service

Assessment completed by	Paul Angeli AD CSC &YI	 Signature:	Date: 08/10/18
Improvement action plan signed off by Director/ Head of Service	Rachael Wardell DCS CSF	Signature: 	Date: 30/10/18

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