

## EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

**Care Group/Directorate:**

Trustwide

**Name of Service/Title of Policy or Strategy, Name of Event:**

Advance Statement and Advance Decisions to Refuse Treatment Policy

**Service:**

**Policy:**

**Event:**

**Strategy:**

**Equality Impact Assessment Undertaken by:**

Yvonne Taylor, MCA Lead

**Date undertaken:**

13/11/2017

### Questions

**1. What are the main aims and purposes of the Service?**

This policy provides guidance for to all staff who provide care and support to patients/service user.

**2. Who is involved in delivering the service? (i.e., partnerships, stakeholders or agencies)**

All staff who in the course of their work are required to know about the Mental Capacity Act 2005 and the provisions within it.

**3. What information / data or experience can you draw on to provide an indication of the potential inclusive / exclusive results of delivering this service or event / implementing the policy or strategy to different groups of people and the different needs of people with protected characteristics in relation to this service?**

Statutory Framework  
 Mental Capacity Act 2005 - specifically sections 24, 25, and 26  
 Mental Capacity Act Code of Practice  
 Mental Health Act 1983 - section 62  
 Mental Health Act Code of Practice

*Please use the following table to indicate the impact for the policy for the protected characteristics*

| Protected Characteristics | Positive Impact                     | Negative Impact          | Reasons for Impact  |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| Age                       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Due to the nature of the service provided and decision making capacity being intergral to the delivery of care and treatment to service users/patients. All staff must work within the guiding principles of the Mental Capacity Act. Decisions should not be made based on a patients Age, Sex, Disability, Gender, Race, Reigion, Sexual Orientiaon or Marital Status. The Principles of the MCA are clear and ensure that the characteristic |

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|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|---|
|                                |                                     |                          | contained within this Equality Impact Assessment are protected and the use of the the Mental Capacity Act is lawful and informed by good practice. It is therefore envisage that this policy will impact positively irrespective of the identified charateristics and allow them to plan ahead for the future when they may lack capacity to make decisions for themselves. |
| Disability                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | As above  |
| Gender reassignment            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | As Above  |
| Marriage and civil partnership | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | As Above  |
| Pregnancy and maternity        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | As Above  |
| Race                           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | As Above  |
| Religion or belief             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | As Above  |
| Sex                            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | As Above  |
| Sexual Orientation             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | As Above  |
| Disadvantaged groups           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | As Above  |

**4. What positive impacts are there for this service to better meet the needs of people with protected characteristics?**

The Advance Statemetn and Advance Decision to Refuse Treatment policy provides guidance in line with the legal framework of the Mental Capacity Act and its Code of Practice to ensure that any service users/patients who wish to plan ahead for the future in realtion to their care and treatment are supporte to do so and that their future wishes are respected and/or taking int account when making decisions in their best interests. There is currently no additional need identified

**5. What action would be needed to ensure the service overcomes:**

- Discriminatory negative impacts
- Exclusion
- Failure to meet the needs of people from across the protected characteristics and opportunities for promoting equality and inclusion are maximised.

NA

**6. Recommended steps to avoid discrimination and ensure opportunities for promoting equality and inclusion are maximised. Include:**

| Options for action | Explanation if no further action is required | Lead responsible for overseeing actions | Timescales | Costs (where applicable) |
|--------------------|--|---|------------|--------------------------|
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**7. Monitoring and reporting arrangements of EIA, for policies and strategies refer to section 7 of the Policy for the Development and Management of Procedural Documents.**

**For services / events please include the following:**

- How the equality impact of the service will be monitored  
The policy will be reviewed on a 3 yearly basis or as required where there are significant changes to legislation and subsequent case law
- Frequency of monitoring  
As above
- How the monitoring results will be used and where they will be published;  
NA
- Who will be responsible for reviewing monitoring results and initiating further action where required  
Mental Capacity Act Lead
- Any changes that have been made to remove or reduce any negative impacts as a result of conducting the equality impact assessment?  
NA
- Any action points should be included in Business Division / Corporate action plans, with monitoring and review processes.

NA

**Is further work / consultation required? If yes, please explain how this is to be carried out and the time frame for completion.**

Yes  No

The Equality Impact Assessment will be reviewed in line with changes to services, client or staff groups, legislation or policy review.

**Name:**

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**Designation:**

Mental Capacity Act Lead

**Signature:**

**Date:**

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