



Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) of Budget Proposals

2016

Name of Budget Saving	Increase Income from Charges
Department and service area	Adult Social Care
Completion Date	11 October, 2017
Lead officer	Alison White

Aims and Objectives

1. Does the proposed budget saving affect people? Yes ☒ No ☐

2. What is/are the reason(s) for your proposed budget saving?

Charges for personal care for people under 65yrs and for housing support could be increased. People may decide do without the service leaving them at greater risk (£36,000)

Charges could be introduced for transport to day centres and day services (£64,000)

Introduction of new charges and increasing of existing charges are included within the public consultation

3. Impact

Which of the protected characteristics* will the proposed budget saving have an impact upon?

Equality Target Group*	Positive Impact	Negative Impact	Relevant evidence/ information
Age		Reduction in service delivery	
Disability		Reduction in service delivery	
Gender Reassignment		Possible negative effect	
Marriage & Civil Partnership			
Pregnancy and maternity			
Race		Possible negative effect	
Religion or Belief			
Sex		Possible negative effect	
Sexual		Possible negative effect	

Orientation			
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1. How will the implementation of the proposed budget saving be communicated to those affected by any changes?

Introduction of new charges and increasing of existing charges are included within the public consultation

2. How will you monitor the impact of the changes proposed? When is the budget due to be reviewed?

As people are subject to financial assessment it can be challenging to ascertain the full impact as some people may already be paying the full amount that they are assessed to pay and increases to rates will not affect them.

Income changes will need to be closely monitored.

3. Please use the space below to detail any other matters arising from the Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) process.

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