

Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) Screening Template

Please use this template to screen the service/ policy/ project being assessed when a full EIA is not required.

Service Area:	Provider Services
Name of service/policy/project being assessed:	Opening a second supported accommodation unit for care leavers
Officer leading on assessment:	Henry Kilpin, Head of Strategy, Policy and Programmes
Other officers involved:	Ian Dodds, Director of Children's Services - Kingston and Richmond

1. Briefly describe the service/policy/project:

It has been proposed that a second support accommodation provision for care leavers is opened in Kingston to improve local provision, whilst reducing the average costs within the Leaving Care and Unaccompanied Asylum Seeker (UASC) cohort. This would be in addition to Green Leas, which opened for 17 care leavers in Kingston, and is operating effectively for those young people with a low level of need. The operating model for the new provision would be developed based on Green Leas. There is now significant experience within AfC of managing supported accommodation which would help with the development of the provision should the proposal proceed. As part of the proposal, Kingston Council would need to identify a suitable building that would likely need to undergo refurbishment to make it fit for purpose.

Work is currently underway to develop a business case for the second provision.

2. Brief outline of impact

<i>Protected Group</i>	Impact (mark with an 'X')			<i>Outline any potential impact</i>
	Positive	Negative	None	

Age	X			The new provision would benefit children and young people aged 16 to 21 who are care leavers in Kingston.
Disability			X	The new provision would likely be for care leavers with a low level of need so are unlikely to have any Special Educational Needs or Disabilities (SEND).
Gender (Sex)	X			The new provision, if replicating Green Leas, would provide accommodation for both males and females.
Gender reassignment	X			The new provision would be available to care leavers, including those who may be transitioning or undertaking gender reassignment, provided they only required a low level of support.
Marriage and civil partnership			X	This is not considered relevant.
Pregnancy and maternity			X	This is not considered relevant.
Race/ethnicity	X			The new provision would be available to care leavers, regardless of race or ethnicity. Green Leas is currently used to accommodate a number of care leavers who are Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children (UASC) as they have a low level of need. This may be replicated in any additional accommodation so would benefit those from ethnic minority backgrounds.
Religion and belief including non-belief	X			The new provision would be available to care leavers, regardless of religion or belief.
Sexual orientation	X			The new provision would be available to care leavers, regardless of sexual orientation.
Other i.e. carer, or those on a low income	X			The provision would provide accommodation for care leavers who could be considered as on a low income and therefore are more likely to need support.

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