



Staffordshire
County Council

Community Impact Assessment – Checklist and Executive Summary

Name of Proposal: Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards

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Final Checklist

Prior to submitting your Community Impact Assessment (CIA), please ensure that the actions on the checklist below have been completed, to reassure yourself/ SLT/ Cabinet that the CIA process has been undertaken appropriately.

Checklist	Action Completed (tick)	Comments/Actions
The project supports the Council's Business Plan, priorities and MTFS.	y	Yes, this decision balances the Council's statutory duties against the funding available in the MTFS.
It is clear what the decision is or what decision is being requested.	y	Following an LGSCO investigation Cabinet is being asked to review the decision made in 2016 to prioritise high priority cases for a full Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS) assessment. The recommendations are: to implement new legislation when this is passed; continue to triage DoLS applications and prioritise high priority cases for a full assessment; complete full assessments on medium and low priority cases if resources allow and use additional one-off funding (£50,000) to support new full assessments and reduce the back-log of full assessments; b) Extend triaging to community deprivation of liberty applications and prioritise full assessments for high priority individuals.
For decisions going to Cabinet, the CIA findings are reflected in the Cabinet Report and potential impacts are clearly identified and mitigated for (where possible).	y	See attached report.
The aims, objectives and outcomes of the policy, service or project have been clearly identified.	y	See attached report
The groups who will be affected by the policy, service or project have been clearly identified.	y	Citizens and their families/ carers, specific Staff group, partners under Section 75 and independent practitioners
The communities that are likely to be more adversely impacted than others have been clearly identified.	y	Individuals who lacks capacity for the specific decision in question.

Engagement / consultation has been undertaken and is representative of the residents most likely to be affected.	y	No specific local consultation, the prioritisation process has been supported by the government, Department of Health and Social Care and ADASS who issued guidance to local authorities.
A range of people with the appropriate knowledge and expertise have contributed to the CIA.	y	SCC Director of Health and Care SCC Finance Partner SCC Team Leader Legal services SCC Statutory Services lead
Appropriate evidence has been provided and used to inform the development and design of the policy, service or project. This includes data, research, engagement/consultation, case studies and local knowledge.	y	Health and care in the UK will change significantly over the next five to ten years. The combination of an ageing population, rising costs and a budget which is falling in real terms has created an unprecedented financial challenge. The Council's approach to DoLS is informed by the resources available.
The CIA evidences how the Council has considered its statutory duties under the Equality Act 2010 and how it has considered the impacts of any change on people with protected characteristics.	y	Yes
The next steps to deliver the project have been identified.	y	The Council will continue with an established process of triaging DoLS applications and full assessments for higher priority cases.

Executive Summary – The Executive Summary is intended to be a collation of the **key issues and findings** from the CIA and other research undertaken. This should be completed **after** the CIA and research has been completed. Please structure the summary using the headings on the left that relate to the sections in the **CIA template**. Where no major impacts have been identified, please state N/A.

	Which groups will be affected?	Benefits	Risks	Mitigations / Recommendations
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<p>PSED – What are the impacts on residents with a protected characteristic under the Equality Act 2010? <i>Highlight any concerns that have emerged as a result of the equality analysis on any of the protected groups and how these will be mitigated. It is important that Elected Members are fully aware of the equality duties so that they can make an informed decision and this can be supported with robust evidence.</i></p>	<p>The residents who are most affected by the decision are individuals who lack capacity to make decisions about their accommodation for the purpose of care/ treatment- and their family/carers. In 2018/2019 SCC had 3451 applications for DoLS.</p>	<p>The proposals provide clarity and consistency which enable citizens and staff to understand what SCC can and will offer them in respect of Deprivation of Liberty. The ongoing proposal ensures that those individuals who are most in need of these safeguards have allocated resource and a timely response. The decision was originally made by cabinet in 2016.</p>	<p>Risks are complaints, legal action and further investigation by the LGSCO. Ultimately this could include judicial review.</p>	<p>The triage process which is completed by a health and social care professional ensures that resource is allocated to those individuals in which the risk is greatest. No complaints have been made specifically relating to this decision.</p>
<p>Health and Care – How will the proposal impact on residents' health? How will the proposal impact on demand for or access to social care or health services?</p>	<p>No additional Impact. Of the total number of referrals in 2018/2019 1153 were triaged as High priority and 1144 of these assessments were completed. The cumulative backlog of applications was 3571.</p>	<p>There will be no change relating to a residents health. DoLS is a discrete assessment process utilising practitioners on a rota basis and independent contractors. The current proposal is not expected to further impact on practitioners.</p>	<p>See above The proposal is not expected to impact on quality or timeliness of assessments.</p>	<p>See above in addition referrers are asked to recontact the Council should circumstances change for the individual which will lead to reconsideration of the prioritisation of the individual through the triage process.</p>
<p>Economy – How will the proposal impact on the economy of Staffordshire or impact on the income of Staffordshire's</p>	<p>None DoLS is a discrete assessment</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>

residents?	process providing a statutory legal safeguard to vulnerable individuals.			
Environment – How will the proposal impact on the physical environment of Staffordshire?	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Localities / Communities – How will the proposal impact on Staffordshire's communities?	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A