

## Appendix 1      EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT FORM

This form is to be used in conjunction with the Equality Impact Assessment Guidelines. Please refer to these before starting; if you require further guidance contact [community.planning@west-dunbarton.gov.uk](mailto:community.planning@west-dunbarton.gov.uk)

<b>Section 1: Policy/Function/Decision (PFD) Details</b>	
A <b>PFD</b> is understood in the broad sense including the full range of functions, activities and decisions the council is responsible for.	
Name of PFD:	CHCP Strategy for Carers
Lead Department & other departments/ partners involved:	West Dunbartonshire Community Health and Care Partnership
Responsible Officer	Soumen Sengupta
Impact Assessment Team	Chris McNeil, John Russell, Wendy Jack, Peter Duffy, Mary-Angela McKenna, Lynne McKnight, David Elliott, Maureen Johnston, Kim McNab
Is this a new or existing PFD?	New
Start date: (the assessment should be started prior to PFD development/drafting or at the early stages of review): November 2012	
End date (this should allow for the assessment to inform decision-making): 30 <sup>th</sup> November 2013	
What are the main aims of the <b>PFD</b> ?	To provide a framework for the implementation of the Strategy for Carers within West Dunbartonshire and across all services
Who are the main target groups/ who will be affected by the <b>PFD</b> ?	Carers
Relevance (of <b>PFD</b> to the general equality duties and equality groups, also record if there is no relevance giving reasons/ evidence) Yes: Relevant as this policy is about public service delivery	
	If yes, complete all sections, 2-9
	If no, complete only sections 8-9

	If don't know, complete sections 2& 3 to help assess relevance
<b>Section 2: Evidence</b> Please list the available evidence used to assess the impact of this PFD, including the sources listed below. Please also identify any gaps in evidence and what will be done to address this.	
<b>Available evidence:</b>	
Consultation/ Involvement with community, including individuals or groups or staff as relevant	The CHCP have made great steps in engaging and building relationships with carers through existing forums, local and national carers' organisations and carers groups over a number of years. A consultation period using a range of methods was undertaken to support the development of the Strategy for Carers – to identify key themes and areas of concern from carers. Members of the Carers Strategy Group were consulted on the development of the Carers Strategy and on the subsequent EQI
Research and relevant information	Guidance on the development of the Strategy for Carers is available from The Scottish Government and this information was used to support the development of the Strategy for Carers
Officer knowledge	Officers involved in the EQI have substantial knowledge of delivery of a range of services, including those for carers, as managers from across health and social care. Officers have also undertaken EQI training from both NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde and West Dunbartonshire Council.
Equality Monitoring information – including service and employee monitoring	West Dunbartonshire Council and NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde both report on and publish this data on an annual basis. Both organisations also monitor its employees by disability, gender and age.
Feedback from service users, partner or other organisation as relevant	Members of the Carers Strategy Group were consulted on the development of the Strategy for Carers and on the subsequent EQI
Other	
<b>Are there any gaps in evidence?</b> Please indicate how these will be addressed	

Gaps identified	One of the key outcomes of the Strategy for Carers is the development of workstreams to collate and analyse data from a range of national and local sources. There is a lack of detail on specific groups of carers for example LGBT, gypsy travellers and BME communities. One of the challenges for West Dunbartonshire is the demographic make-up of our community as there are small populations of hard to reach groups		
Measure to address these	Encouraging national and local organisations to collate and share information and data		
<i>Note: Link to Section 6 below Action Plan to address any gaps in evidence</i>			
<b>Section 3: Involvement and Consultation</b>			
Include involvement and consultation relevant to this PFD, including what has already been done and what is required to be done, how this will be taken and results of the consultation.			
Please outline details of any involvement or consultation, including dates carried out, protected characteristics. Also include involvement or consultation to be carried out as part of the developing and implementing the policy.			
<b>Details of consultations</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Findings</b>	<b>Characteristics</b>
General public consultation with older people (specific questions around carers)  Question to Citizens Panel (specific questions around carers)	2010 – 2011	From all the initial pre-consultation preparation with existing stakeholders, levels of satisfaction with current services have been high, it is unlikely that current levels of services will be able to be maintained as a result of changing financial circumstances with the CHCP.  There is also a need to ensure that wider issues affecting carers are included within the debate for example suitability and availability of housing, access to transport, leisure services and worklessness.	Race
General public consultation with	2010 –	From all the initial pre-consultation preparation with	Sex

<p>older people (specific questions around carers)</p> <p>Question to Citizens Panel (specific questions around carers)</p>	2011	<p>existing stakeholders, levels of satisfaction with current services have been high, it is unlikely that current levels of services will be able to be maintained as a result of changing financial circumstances with the CHCP.</p> <p>There is also a need to ensure that wider issues affecting carers are included within the debate for example suitability and availability of housing, access to transport, leisure services and worklessness.</p>	
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<p>Consultation with WDC Access Panel (specific questions around carers)</p>	2010 – 2011	<p>From all the initial pre-consultation preparation with existing stakeholders, levels of satisfaction with current</p>	Disability

<p>General public consultation with older people (specific questions around carers)</p> <p>Question to Citizens Panel (specific questions around carers)</p>		<p>services have been high; it is unlikely that current levels of services will be able to be maintained as a result of changing financial circumstances with the CHCP.</p> <p>There is also a need to ensure that wider issues affecting carers are included within the debate for example suitability and availability of housing, access to transport, leisure services and worklessness.</p>	
<p>Question to Citizens Panel (specific questions around carers)</p> <p>Focus Group with Citizens panel members (specific questions around carers)</p> <p>On-line questions on CHCP website</p> <p>Focus groups with Older people</p> <p>Postal questionnaires to older people</p> <p>Attendance at community events e.g. fire station open days</p> <p>Attendance at Older people's forums</p>	2010 – 2011	<p>From all the initial pre-consultation preparation with existing stakeholders, levels of satisfaction with current services have been high; it is unlikely that current levels of services will be able to be maintained as a result of changing financial circumstances with the CHCP.</p> <p>There is also a need to ensure that wider issues affecting carers are included within the debate for example suitability and availability of housing, access to transport, leisure services and worklessness.</p>	Age

<p>General public consultation with older people (specific questions around carers)</p> <p>Question to Citizens Panel (specific questions around carers)</p>	2010 – 2011	<p>From all the initial pre-consultation preparation with existing stakeholders, levels of satisfaction with current services have been high; it is unlikely that current levels of services will be able to be maintained as a result of changing financial circumstances with the CHCP.</p> <p>There is also a need to ensure that wider issues affecting carers are included within the debate for example suitability and availability of housing, access to transport, leisure services and worklessness.</p>	Religion/ Belief
<p>General public consultation with older people (specific questions around carers)</p> <p>Question to Citizens Panel (specific questions around carers)</p>	2010 – 2011	<p>From all the initial pre-consultation preparation with existing stakeholders, levels of satisfaction with current services have been high; it is unlikely that current levels of services will be able to be maintained as a result of changing financial circumstances with the CHCP.</p> <p>There is also a need to ensure that wider issues affecting carers are included within the debate for example suitability and availability of housing, access to transport, leisure services and worklessness.</p>	Sexual Orientation
General public consultation with older people (specific questions		From all the initial pre-consultation preparation with	Civil Partnership/ Marriage

around carers)  Question to Citizens Panel (specific questions around carers)		existing stakeholders, levels of satisfaction with current services have been high; it is unlikely that current levels of services will be able to be maintained as a result of changing financial circumstances with the CHCP.  There is also a need to ensure that wider issues affecting carers are included within the debate for example suitability and availability of housing, access to transport, leisure services and worklessness.	
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			Other
<i>Note: Link to Section 6 below Action Plan</i>			
<b>Section 4: Analysis of positive and Negative Impacts</b>			

Protected Characteristic	Positive Impact	Negative Impact	No impact
Race			No impact
Sex			No impact
Gender Re-assignment			No impact
Disability	<p>Reviewing current services to ensure we can meet the future needs of our growing older people's population, including older carers</p> <p>Reviewing the needs of older carers of people with learning disability</p>		
Age	Reviewing current services to ensure we can meet the future needs of our growing older people's population, including older carers		
Religion/ Belief			No impact
Sexual Orientation			No impact
Civil Partnership/ Marriage			No impact
<p><i>Note: Link to Section 6 below Action Plan in terms of addressing impacts</i></p>			
<p><b>Section 5: Addressing impacts</b>            Select which of the following apply (use can choose more than one) and give a brief explanation – to be expanded in Section 6: Action Plan</p>			
1. No major change		No major change	

2. Continue the PFD	
3. Adjust the PFD	
4. Stop and remove the PFD	
Give reasons: There are no negative impacts across the protected characteristics at this time	
<i>Note: Link to Section 6 below Action Plan</i>	

<b>Section 6: Action Plan</b> Please describe any action which will be taken following the assessment in order to; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• reduce or remove any negative impacts,</li> <li>• promote any positive impacts, or</li> <li>• gather further information or evidence or further consultation required</li> </ul>				
Action	Responsible person (s)	Intended outcome	Date for completion	Protected Characteristic
Consider the future impact on BME communities on any changes as a result of the Change Plan as part of the annual review process	Soumen Sengupta	Ensure no negative impact	June 2013	Race
No action				Gender
				Gender Reassignment
Consider the future impact on disabled people on any changes as a result of the Strategy for Carers as	Soumen Sengupta	Ensure no negative impact	June 2013	Disability

part of the annual review process				
Consider the future impact on older carers on any changes as a result of the Strategy for Carers as part of the annual review process	Soumen Sengupta	Ensure no negative	June 2013	Age
No impact				Religion/ Belief
Gather information and support future consultation specifically with LGBT carers	Soumen Sengupta	Provide better information on service user profiles	June 2013	Sexual Orientation
No impact				Civil Partnership/ Marriage
No Impact				Pregnancy/ Maternity
Improve equalities monitoring of services across all areas the Policy covers	Soumen Sengupta	To provide better data on service users profile and assess need	June 2013	Other e.g. cross cutting
Are there any negative impacts which cannot be reduced or removed? please outline the reasons for continuing PFD				
Section 7: Monitoring and review				
Please detail the arrangements for review and monitoring of the policy				
How will the PFD be monitored? What equalities monitoring will be put in place?	Annual Review Annual EQI in line with review process			
When will the PFD be reviewed?	June 2013			
Is there any procurement involved in this PFD? Yes/No	No			
Section 8: Signatures				

The following signatures are required:		
Lead/ Responsible Officer:	Signature: S Sengupta	Date: 01/10/2012
EIA Trained Officer:	Signature: W Jack	Date:01/10/2012