

Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) Screening Template

When to complete an EqIA Screening

An EqIA Screening Template must be completed when reviewing, changing and developing procedures/ proposals/ projects/ policies. This is a first step and is used to consider whether there are any negative impacts that may arise.

Purpose of an EqIA Screening Template

The purpose of this short exercise is to ensure that you have shown appropriate due regard when considering the impact for people with protected characteristics in your decision making. The screening process is designed to help you consider the circumstances and to inform evidence-based decisions.

If the proposal is of a significant nature and it is apparent from the outset that a full EqIA will be required, then it is not necessary to complete this Screening Template, you can proceed to complete the full [EqIA](#).

If no negative impacts are identified following completion of the EqIA screening then it is not necessary to undertake a full EqIA however, the decision and justification must be clearly recorded in this document.

On completion of the Screening Template:

- Ensure that all the white boxes within the screening are completed.
- Ensure that the Procedure/ Project/ Proposal/ Policy owner has signed and dated the Screening Template.
- Send a copy of the completed template along with the related policy or project proposal to Inclusion.hdd@wales.nhs.uk for the Diversity & Inclusion Team to review.
- Each Screening Template will be reviewed by the Diversity & Inclusion Team and feedback will be provided to the Procedure/ Project/ Proposal/ Policy owner. This may include recommendations for further action to inform robust decision-making.

Support

For further support please visit the [EqIA Sharepoint](#) or contact:

Email: Inclusion.hdd@wales.nhs.uk

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Director and Directorate	Nursing and Midwifery
Service Area	Midwifery and Obstetrics

Title of Procedure, Project, Proposal, Policy being screened:	1005. Placenta Examination ,Histological investigation and Disposal of Placenta Following Birth Guideline
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Description of the Procedure/ Project/ Proposal/ Policy being screened (including key aims and objectives)

<p>The aim of this guideline is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To standardise a systematic approach for examining the placenta and membranes after birth • Provide evidence based guidance to identify which placentas need to be sent for histology following delivery, promoting uniformity of approach and ensuring standards are met. • Provide guidance and information when women chose to take their placenta home • Ensure that the main underpinning themes are risk management and infection control <p>The aim of this document will be achieved by the following objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide consistent advice and guidance on the examination of the placenta following birth • Provide clear information of: criteria for referral to histopathology, process for sending placenta to appropriate Histopathology department. • Provide clarity as to safe Disposal of placenta, both Universal and Non-Universal disposal.
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Evidence considered (including staff and population data, relevant research, expert and community knowledge etc.)

<p>Performed as soon as possible after birth, examination of the placenta is a unique opportunity to explore and understand the intrauterine environment. It also provides a record of events that may be associated with adverse pregnancy outcomes (Ravishankar & Redline 2019).</p> <p>Histopathological examination of the placenta following a pregnancy affected by medical complications, pregnancy loss or neonatal death may provide an explanation of why this occurred. It may also provide information relevant to the management of the associated infant and/or subsequent pregnancies and be of use to serious incident reviews.</p> <p>The health board has a responsibility to ensure that human tissue is safely and appropriately disposed For cultural, spiritual and personal reasons women may choose to take their placenta home with them. Information and guidance made available of how to safely transport, storage and/or dispose of their placenta also</p>
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facilitates women to understand that once they take the placenta home that they are then responsible for its safe disposal.

Assess which protected characteristics will potentially be affected by the proposal in the table below (please ✓ the relevant box to confirm positive, negative or no impact).

If at any point a negative impact has been identified (actual or potential), you do not need to proceed with the completion of this form, as a full EqlA must be undertaken: [Equality Impact Assessments \(EqlAs\) \(sharepoint.com\)](https://sharepoint.com)

Age					
Is it likely to affect older and younger people in different ways or affect one age group and not another?					
Positive Impact	<input type="checkbox"/>	Negative Impact	<input type="checkbox"/>	No Impact	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Women and Birthing people of all ages will be treated equally in accordance with this guideline. The age of the person does not impact the care and support that they will receive when using this guideline.					
Disability					
Is it likely to affect those with a physical disability, learning disability, sensory loss or impairment, mental health conditions, long-term medical conditions such as diabetes?					
Positive Impact	<input type="checkbox"/>	Negative Impact	<input type="checkbox"/>	No Impact	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Women and Birthing people who may have a disability will be treated equally in accordance with this guideline. The disability of the person does not impact the care and support that they will receive when using this guideline					
Gender Reassignment					
Is it likely to affect those who either:					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have undergone, intend to undergo or are currently undergoing gender reassignment. • Do not intend to undergo medical treatment but wish to live in a different gender from their gender at birth 					
Positive Impact	<input type="checkbox"/>	Negative Impact	<input type="checkbox"/>	No Impact	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
All people who may intend to undergo, or do not intend to undergo medical treatment but wish to live in a different gender from their gender at birth will be treated equally in accordance with this guideline. The gender identity of the person who is birthing does not impact the care and support that they will receive when using this guideline .					
Marriage / Civil Partnership					
Under the Equality Act, the characteristic of Marriage and Civil Partnerships is only protected in the workplace/ employment.					
Is it likely to affect those who are married or in a Civil Partnership? This means someone who is legally married or in a civil partnership.					
Positive Impact	<input type="checkbox"/>	Negative Impact	<input type="checkbox"/>	No Impact	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
All Women and Birthing people will be treated equally in accordance with this guideline. The employment and workplace of those who are married or in a civil partnership will not be impacted due to this guideline					
Pregnancy and Maternity					
Is it likely to affect those who are pregnant or have recently had a baby? Maternity covers the period of 26 weeks after having a baby, whether or not they are on Maternity Leave.					
Positive Impact	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Negative Impact	<input type="checkbox"/>	No Impact	<input type="checkbox"/>

This guideline has a positive impact as it is specifically for women and birthing people who may require the care and support discussed within this guideline.

Race / Ethnicity

Is it likely to affect people of a different race, nationality, colour, culture or ethnic origin including non-English / Welsh speakers, Gypsies/Travellers, asylum seekers and migrant workers?

Positive Impact	<input type="checkbox"/>	Negative Impact	<input type="checkbox"/>	No Impact	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Women and Birthing people of all ages will be treated equally in accordance with this guideline. The age of the person does not impact the care and support that they will receive when using this guideline.

Religion or Belief

Is it likely to affect people who have a religion or belief? The term 'religion' includes a religious or philosophical belief.

Positive Impact	<input type="checkbox"/>	Negative Impact	<input type="checkbox"/>	No Impact	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Women and Birthing people of all religion and belief will be treated equally in accordance with this guideline. The religion and belief of the person does not impact the care or support that they will receive when using this guideline.

Sex

Is it likely to affect people who are mostly male or female. Where it applies to both equally does it affect one differently to the other?

Positive Impact	<input type="checkbox"/>	Negative Impact	<input type="checkbox"/>	No Impact	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Women and Birthing people of any sexual orientation will be treated equally in accordance with this guideline. Sexual orientation does not impact the care that they will receive when using this guideline.

Sexual Orientation

Whether a person's sexual attraction is towards their own sex, the opposite sex or either.

Positive Impact	<input type="checkbox"/>	Negative Impact	<input type="checkbox"/>	No Impact	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Women and Birthing people of any sexual orientation will be treated equally in accordance with this guideline. Sexual orientation does not impact the care that they will receive when using this guideline.

Armed Forces Community

Consider whether this impacts on members of the Armed Forces and their families, whose health needs may be impacted long after they have left the Armed Forces and returned to civilian life. Also consider their unique experiences when accessing and using day-to-day public and private services compared to the general population. It could be through 'unfamiliarity with civilian life, or frequent moves around the country and the subsequent difficulties in maintaining support networks, for example, members of the Armed Forces can find accessing such goods and services challenging.'

For a comprehensive guide to the Armed Forces Covenant Duty and supporting resource please see:

[Armed-Forces-Covenant-duty-statutory-guidance](#)

Positive Impact	<input type="checkbox"/>	Negative Impact	<input type="checkbox"/>	No Impact	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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All Women and Birthing people whom may be of the armed forces community will be treated equally in accordance with this guideline. Being part of the Armed Forces community does not impact the care that they will receive when using this guideline

Socio Economic Duty

Consider those on low income, economically inactive, unemployed or unable to work due to ill-health. Also consider people living in areas known to exhibit poor economic and/or health indicators and individuals who are unable to access services and facilities. Food / fuel poverty and personal or household debt should also be considered.

For a comprehensive guide to the Socio-Economic Duty in Wales and supporting resources please see:
[more-equal-wales-socio-economic-duty](#)

Positive Impact	<input type="checkbox"/>	Negative Impact	<input type="checkbox"/>	No Impact	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
All Women and Birthing people will be treated equally in accordance with this guideline. The Sociological status of the person does not impact the care or support that they will receive when using this guideline					
Welsh Language					
Is it likely to impact on opportunities for people to use the Welsh language? The Welsh language should be treated no less favourably than the English language.					
Positive Impact	<input type="checkbox"/>	Negative Impact	<input type="checkbox"/>	No Impact	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Women and Birthing people whom speak welsh will be treated equally in accordance with this guideline. The language of the person wishes to use will not impact the care that they will receive when using this guideline					

If a negative impact has been identified, you are not required to complete this form as a full EqIA must be undertaken. A full EqIA template and guidance can be found on the following link: [Equality Impact Assessments \(EqIAs\) \(sharepoint.com\)](#)

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	Date	30/10/2024
Diversity and Inclusion Team additional Comments:		

Please note: The D&I team will save a copy of the completed form for reference. If any changes are made after the date of review, it is the directorate's responsibility to update the EqIA and inform the D&I team.