

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

Title of Procedure, Project, Proposal, Policy being screened:	839 Antenatal Electronic Fetal Monitoring
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Description of the Procedure/ Project/ Proposal/ Policy being screened (including key aims and objectives)

A guideline to provide the user with evidence-based guidance on antenatal electronic FHR monitoring with the aim of recognising and prevention potential adverse outcomes to fetuses at risk of hypoxia

The aim of this document will be achieved by the following objectives:

- Identifying pregnancies with increased risk of complications who require antenatal CTG monitoring
- Understand the use of CTG and DR Criteria
- How to approach situations where the DR criteria are not met on CTG.

Evidence considered (including staff and population data, relevant research, expert and community knowledge etc.)

Cardiotocography (CTG) is a widely used tool for fetal assessment in the antenatal period. At present antenatal CTG is not thought to be useful as a method of routine fetal assessment in low risk pregnancies and its use in the antenatal period implies that a risk factor has been identified

The most recent systematic review on Antenatal Cardiotocography for fetal assessment in high risk pregnancies (Cochrane 2015) concluded that:

- Comparison of traditional CTG versus no CTG showed no significant difference identified in perinatal mortality or potentially preventable deaths.
- Similarly, there was no significant difference identified in caesarean sections.
- However, comparison of computerised CTG versus traditional CTG showed a significant reduction in perinatal mortality with computerised CTG.

A normal CTG (traditional or computerised) is only a clinical diagnostic tool and cannot be used as a predictive or screening test. It only indicates current fetal state and it cannot predict catastrophes such as sudden abruption.

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
				x
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
				x
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
				x
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
				x
All Women and Birthing people will be treated equally in accordance with this guideline. This guideline will not impact the employment or workplace of those who are married or in a civil partnership.				
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
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
				x

All Women and Birthing people will be treated equally in accordance with this guideline. Race and ethnicity does not impact the care or 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"/>
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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Impact
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 \(EqIAs\) \(sharepoint.com\)](https://sharepoint.com)

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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.