

Screening/Scoping Pro Forma

Section	Neighbourhood and Housing Management Services Nuisance Investigation	Officer responsible for the screening/scoping	David Bartlett and Steve Epsom		
Name of Policy to be assessed	Overall provision of service	Date of Assessment	Summer 2008	Is this a proposed new or existing policy/procedure/practice?	Existing
1. Briefly describe the aims, objectives and purpose of the policy/procedure/practice?	To investigate allegations of nuisance according to Environmental Health statutes and stop or educate as appropriate				
2. Are there any associated or specific objectives of the policy/procedure/practice? Please explain.	No				
3. Who is intended to benefit from this policy and in what way?	Complainants where appropriate				
4. What outcomes are wanted from this policy/procedures/practice?	Successful conclusion either through enforcement or education				
5. What factors/forces could contribute/detract from the outcomes?	Misconception regarding meaning of statutory nuisance				
6. Who are the main stakeholders in relation to the policy?	GBC Public Police and other statutory bodies	7. Who implements the policy, and who is responsible for the policy?	Implements N.I. Officers Responsible Head of N and HMS Neighbourhood Manager		
8. Are there concerns that the policy <u>could</u> have a differential impact on racial groups?		N	Please explain		

What existing evidence (either presumed or otherwise) do you have for this?	<i>Is there any evidence of hate crime against these people on ethnic grounds?</i>	
9. Are there concerns that the policy <u>could</u> have a differential impact due to gender?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N
What existing evidence (either presumed or otherwise) do you have for this?	<i>Is there a disproportionate number of complaints about/from men or women? Is there any evidence of fear of crime on the part of women tenants/leaseholders? Is there any evidence of anti-social behaviour towards women?</i>	
10. Are there concerns that the policy <u>could</u> have a differential impact due to disability?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N
What existing evidence (either presumed or otherwise) do you have for this?	Possible questions regarding filling in forms and literacy. <i>Is there a disproportionate number of complaints from/about disabled people?</i>	
11. Are there concerns that the policy <u>could</u> have a differential impact due to sexual orientation?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N
What existing evidence (either presumed or otherwise) do you have for this?	<i>Is there any evidence of homophobic incidents?</i>	
12. Are there concerns that the policy <u>could</u> have a differential impact due to their age?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N
What existing evidence (either presumed or otherwise) do you have for this?	?	
13. Are there concerns that the policy <u>could</u> have a differential impact due to their religious belief?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N

<p>What existing evidence (either presumed or otherwise) do you have for this?</p>	<p><i>Are complaints received that are related to religion or belief?</i></p>		
<p>14. Are there concerns that the policy <u>could</u> have a differential impact due to them having dependants/caring responsibilities?</p>		<p>N</p>	
<p>What existing evidence (either presumed or otherwise) do you have for this?</p>	<p><i>Are single parent families more likely to complain or to be complained about?</i></p>		
<p>15. Are there concerns that the policy <u>could</u> have a differential impact due to them have an offending past?</p>		<p>N</p>	
<p>What existing evidence (either presumed or otherwise) do you have for this?</p>	<p><i>Is there any nuisance suffered by ex-offenders – whether actual ex-offenders or presumed to be so?</i></p>		
<p>16. Are there concerns that the policy <u>could</u> have a differential impact due to them being Transgender or transsexual?</p>		<p>N</p>	
<p>What existing evidence (either presumed or otherwise) do you have for this?</p>	<p>No data is available on people who gave gone through gender reassignment – should any such person exist in this housing service.</p>		
<p>17. Could the differential impact identified in 8-16 amount to there being the potential for adverse impact in this policy/procedure/practice?</p>		<p>N</p>	

<p>18. Can this adverse impact be justified on the grounds of promoting equality of opportunity for one group? Or any other reason?</p>		<p>N</p>
<p>Business improvement</p> <p>19. Is there any concern that there are unmet needs in relation to any of the above groups?</p>		<p>N Requires greater data analysis</p>
<p>20. Does differential impact or unmet need cut across the equality strands (e.g. elder BME groups)?</p>		<p>N <i>Potentially if any differential impact is identified!</i></p>
<p>21. If yes, should the full EIA be conducted jointly with another service area/contractor/partner/agency?</p>		<p>N</p>
<p>22. Is there a missed opportunity to improve your business in relation to any of the policies, procedures or practices to promote racial, gender, disability, age, sexual orientation, religion or belief equality?</p>		<p>N <i>The ability to monitor the profile of those who complain or who are complained about may identify such opportunities</i></p>

23. Should the policy proceed to a full equality impact assessment?		N	Yes	No
		24. If No, are there any changes required to the policy to improve it around the equality agenda? Improve the collection and review of data related to nuisance incidents.		

**Signed
(Completing officer)**

Date March 2009

**Signed
(Head of Section)**

Date

**Countersigned
HR Representative**

Date March 2009