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Predictive Equality Impact Assessment (PEIA)
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Title of report or proposal:

Contract for Rough Sleeper Outreach Service 2008/11

Describe in full the aims, objectives and purpose of the proposal, including desired outcomes:

The Street Outreach Service for rough sleepers is currently being tendered for a new contract to start 1 April 09. This service engages with individual rough sleepers in the borough in an attempt to 'lift' them off the streets and into accommodation and appropriate care and support. There are additional elements to this service such as a Mental Health and Substance Misuse Workers. The Mental Health Worker will provide provide mental health assessments to people sleeping rough on the streets and open access to appropriate treatment and care packages. The Substance Misuse Workers will encourage and lead rough sleepers into appropriate substance misuse providers services and will keep engaging them if they drop out.

The desired outcomes of this service are to reduce the numbers of people sleeping rough and to address the physical and mental health needs of this excluded group. The service will also help to reduce other street activity such as begging and street drinking.

Department:

CSD, Safer Communities Division

Form and report MUST be checked and countersigned by the Principal Corporate Projects Officer (Organisational Development)

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PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

1. Who are the main people that this decision will affect?

The service will affect the strret populations of H&F including rough sleepers with complex entrenched issues such as dual diagnosis etc.

2. Identify the risks that could prevent the planned outcomes

If access to appropriate services is denied to the service provider once operational this will lead to further entrenchment of rough sleepers on the street.

3. Could the proposal have a positive impact on a) race b) disability c) gender d) sexual orientation e) age f) belief system groups? (Please provide evidence e.g. user feedback, complaints, monitoring?)

a) b) c) d) e) f) Yes. The service will be providing an individual tailored response to the most socially excluded group in our community. By providing access to mental health and substance misuse services that for many years rough sleepers have been excluded from, will greatly improve their life chances and reduce risk of further abuse and mental and physical deterioration on the streets of this borough. Under the contract the service provider will need to evidence through the Personal Resettlement Plan that they are meeting the needs of individual rough sleepers according to race, disability, gender, sexual orientation and belief etc.

4. Could the proposal have a negative impact on **a) race b) disability c) gender d) sexual orientation e) age f) belief system groups?** (Please provide evidence e.g. user feedback, complaints, monitoring,?)

a) b) c) d) e) f) **No.**

5. Can any negative impact of the decision be justified?

6. If you have undertaken any internal/ external research or consultation(s) please list these below:

7. Do you need to undertake any further consultation? If so, what and with whom?

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