

<p>1. Using information that you have gathered from service monitoring, surveys, consultation, and other sources such as anecdotal information fed back by members of staff, in your opinion, could your service/policy/strategy/decision (including decisions to cut or change a service or policy) disadvantage, or have a potentially disproportionately negative effect on, any of the following groups of people: <i>People of different ages – including young and older people</i> <i>People with a disability;</i> <i>People of different races/ethnicities/ nationalities;</i> <i>Men; Women;</i> <i>People of different religions/beliefs;</i> <i>People of different sexual orientations;</i> <i>People who are or have identified as transgender;</i> <i>People who are married or in a civil partnership;</i> <i>Women who are pregnant or on maternity leave or men whose partners are pregnant or on maternity leave;</i> <i>People living in areas of deprivation or who are financially disadvantaged.</i></p>	<p>Withdrawing the scheme would have an impact on the groups of people listed as there would be no financial support for them to improve their living conditions if they fall below a set standard.</p> <p>Reviewing the scheme would only have an impact on the groups listed if the cost of the works required to bring the property to a decent standard exceeds the maximum grant amount allowed and the client is not able to meet any additional cost.</p>
<p>2. What sources of information have you used to come to this decision?</p>	<p>Internal recording systems which record the ages of applicants and average grant amount awarded.</p> <p>Government guidance on what constitutes a vulnerable household.</p>
<p>3. How have you tried to involve people/groups in developing your service/policy/strategy or in making your decision (including decisions to cut or change a service or policy)?</p>	<p>A public consultation has taken place with no comments received.</p>
<p>4. Could your service/policy/strategy or decision (including decisions to cut or change a service or policy) help or hamper our ability to meet our duties under the Equality Act 2010? Duties are to:- <i>Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation;</i> <i>Advance equality of opportunity (removing or minimising disadvantage, meeting the needs of people);</i> <i>Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not share it.</i></p>	<p>The recommendations in this report do not hamper our ability to meet such duties as the grant is not statutory.</p>
<p>5. What actions will you take to address any issues raised in your answers above</p>	<p>None at this time.</p>