

Appendix B – Equality Impact Assessment

Equality Impact Assessment - process for services, policies, projects and strategies

1.	<p>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:</p> <p><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;</i> <i>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>	Yes – Gypsies and Travellers.
2.	What sources of information have you used to come to this decision?	The DCLG consultation document being reported on relates specifically to Gypsies and Travellers.
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)?	The proposed responses to the DCLG consultation questions have been informed using knowledge gleaned from work with Travellers (primarily the recent Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment, which involved direct liaison with Travellers wherever possible).
4.	<p>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:</p> <p><i>Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation;</i> <i>Advance equality of opportunity (removing or minimising disadvantage, meeting the needs of people); and</i> <i>Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not share it.</i></p>	Could help as the proposed WLBC responses to the DCLG consultation questions seek to influence government policy in order to facilitate the provision of suitable accommodation for Travellers (an ethnic group who share a protected characteristic) in West Lancashire.
5.	What actions will you take to address any issues raised in your answers above?	N/A