



Initial Screening Tool

Title of policy/service/function/procedure/ programme/ or strategy being assessed: TP/058 Internal Outbreak Policy

Is it new or revised

(If revised, please attach a copy of the original Equality Impact Assessment.)

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Section _____Infection Prevention & Control_____

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Date of screening 17/06/10_____

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Please summaries below the aims and objectives of this policy/service/function etc. including any intended outcomes.

The policy outlines the Trust policy and procedure as a result of an internal outbreak of infection which affects the organization.

To alert staff to the key indicators that identify an outbreak situation at the earliest possible point so reducing the impact and risk of cross infection and therefore potentially limit the extent of the outbreak.

To provide staff with a step by step process for successful outbreak management.

To manage an outbreak reducing the time, numbers involved/affected by the outbreak and the overall impact of the situation.

Please state below who is intended to benefit from this policy/service/function etc. and in what way.

The policy is intended for internal use to manage an infection control incident or outbreak situation which affects the trust.

Please state in the table below whether the policy/service/function etc. could have any potential impact on any of the equality strand groups, whether service users, staff or other stakeholders

Equality Strand Group	Is there likely to be a positive or neutral impact in regard to:	If the impact is adverse, can this be justified on the grounds of promoting equality of opportunity for an equality strand group or for another reason?
Age	None	
Disability	None	

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Gender	None	
Race	None	
Religion or Belief	None	
Sexual Orientation	None	

Please provide and summarise below any relevant evidence for your declaration above – this could include for example the results of specific consultations, complaints or compliments, customer satisfaction or other surveys, service monitoring and take-up, comments from stakeholders and demographic data.

The policy has gone to the Health Protection Agency who take overall responsibility for an outbreak of infection anywhere within the community. The local lead for the LAS has provided guidance on how the policy will work and an outbreak situation of infection control incident managed.

Are there any gaps in the evidence you have which make it difficult for you to determine whether there would be an adverse impact?

No **Yes**

If yes, please state below how you intend to acquire this evidence and your timescales for doing so.

If you have identified a positive or negative potential impact for any equality strand group, which is not legal or justifiable, then you must complete a full Equality Impact Assessment. Please insert below any issues you have identified/recommendations for the full Equality Impact Assessment.



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If you have only identified a neutral or positive impact on any equality strand group then no further action is required, other than having your Director sign off this form, a copy stored on the shared drive and sent to Communications for publication on the Trust's website.

Name of Director:

Signature:

Date:

Steve Lennox

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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'SP Lennox', with a horizontal line underneath.

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