



Initial Screening Tool

Title of policy/service/function/procedure/ programme/ or strategy being assessed: OP037 Policy for identifying and acting upon National clinical guidance

Is it new or revised

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

Senior Manager Responsible : Senior Clinical Advisor

Department Medical Directorate

Section _____

Equality Impact Assessment Screening Team

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

The purpose of the London Ambulance Service (LAS) is to provide the highest possible standards of triage, treatment and transport to patients requiring our care. In achieving this aim, the service has a duty to limit the potential risk of harm to patients, potential patients, members of staff and the public.

This document sets out the role of the Medical Directorate in ensuring best clinical practice is followed so that the LAS can achieve its purpose and uphold the Visions and Values of the LAS.

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

Any actual or potential patient requiring the services of the LAS.
Any member of LAS managerial staff who is required to formulate clinical treatment plans / policy for LAS staff.
Any member of LAS staff who is required to assess, treat, convey to - or refer to care centres / locations.

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	Neutral	
Disability	Neutral	
Gender	Neutral	
Race	Neutral	

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Religion or Belief	Neutral	
Sexual Orientation	Neutral	

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 adopts the best available nationally or locally agreed clinical practice guidelines. The core nationally agreed clinical guidelines are the Clinical Practice Guidelines for use in UK Ambulance Services published by the Joint Royal Colleges Ambulance Services Liaison Committee (JRCALC), (commonly called the “JRCALC guidelines”). The LAS acknowledges that other national or local clinical guidelines are also appropriate to LAS clinical practice.

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: Fionna Moore (Medical Director)

Signature:

Date: /05/10

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Fionna Moore', with a long horizontal flourish underneath.

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