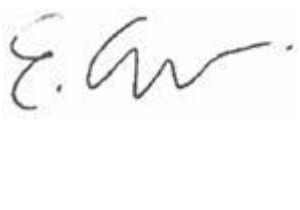


EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT – [CONTRACT AWARD, SHARED LIVES]

SECTION ONE: INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROPOSAL

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Lead Officer: Please note that a Head of Service, Service Director, or Strategic Director must approve the EIA.	Emma Crowther, Interim Head of Commissioning	Signature:		Approval date:	30 August 2023
Overview:	<p>Plymouth City Council is proposing to direct award contract to current provider Shared Lives South West for a period of 2 years.</p> <p>A Shared Lives Scheme is an alternative to home care and care homes for adults in need of support. A Shared Lives Scheme offers a personalised model of care and support where carers share their lives and in most cases, their homes with those they support. Shared Lives Carers are self-employed carers supported by the provider, which is regulated by the Care Quality Commission.</p> <p>A Shared Lives Scheme offers placements that provide people aged 18 years and older with an alternative and highly flexible form of accommodation and/or care or support which is provided by ordinary individuals or families in the local community. The scheme is comparable with fostering or supported lodgings as the equivalent for children and young people.</p> <p>The current provider is Shared Lives South West and were set up by Devon County Council in 2004, in conjunction with Plymouth City Council and Torbay Council, and are an award-winning charity with a strong national reputation, rated 'Outstanding' by the Care Quality Commission.</p> <p>Plymouth City Council now contract directly with Shared Lives South West and in putting a new contract in place will ensure that this type of support continues to be available for eligible adults in Plymouth as part of our range of available care options for Adult Social Care.</p>				
Decision required:	This EIA will accompany the business case for the direct award of a new contract to Shared Lives South West – a decision to be made by the Portfolio Holder for Health and Adult Social Care.				

There are no adverse impacts identified and all providers commissioned by Plymouth City Council are required to sign up to our contract terms and conditions and expectations linked to equality and diversity, including routine contract monitoring.

SECTION TWO: EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT SCREENING TOOL

Potential external impacts: Does the proposal have the potential to negatively impact service users, communities or residents with protected characteristics?	Yes		No	X
Potential internal impacts: Does the proposal have the potential to negatively impact Plymouth City Council employees?	Yes		No	X
Is a full Equality Impact Assessment required? (if you have answered yes to either of the questions above then a full impact assessment is required and you must complete section three)	Yes		No	X
If you do not agree that a full equality impact assessment is required, please set out your justification for why not.	This is a continuation of an existing service.			

SECTION THREE: FULL EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Protected characteristics (Equality Act, 2010)	Evidence and information (e.g. data and consultation feedback)	Adverse impact	Mitigation activities	Timescale and responsible department
Age	Plymouth <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 16.4 per cent of people in Plymouth are children aged under 15. 65.1 per cent are adults aged 15 to 64. 	None anticipated		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18.5 percent are adults aged 65 and over. • 2.4 percent of the resident population are 85 and over. <p>South West</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15.9 per cent of people are aged 0 to 14, 61.8 per cent are aged 15 to 64. • 22.3 per cent are aged 65 and over. <p>England</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 17.4 per cent of people are aged 0 to 14. • 64.2 per cent of people are aged 15 to 64. • 18.4 per cent of people are aged 65 and over. <p>(2021 Census)</p>			
<p>Care experienced individuals (Note that as per the Independent Review of Children’s Social Care recommendations, Plymouth City Council is treating care experience as though it is a protected characteristic).</p>	<p>It is estimated that 26 per cent of the homeless population in the UK have care experience. In Plymouth there are currently 7 per cent of care leavers open to the service (6 per cent aged 18-20 and 12 per cent of those aged 21+) who are in unsuitable accommodation.</p> <p>The Care Review reported that 41 per cent of 19-21 year old care leavers are not in education, employment or training (NEET) compared to 12 per cent of all other young people in the same age group.</p> <p>In Plymouth there are currently 50 per cent of care leavers aged 18-21 Not in Education Training or Employment (54 per cent of all</p>	<p>None anticipated</p>		

	<p>those care leavers aged 18-24 who are open to the service).</p> <p>There are currently 195 care leavers aged 18 to 20 (statutory service) and 58 aged 21 to 24 (extended offer). There are more care leavers aged 21 to 24 who could return for support from services if they wished to.</p>			
Disability	<p>9.4 per cent of residents in Plymouth have their activities limited 'a lot' because of a physical or mental health problem.</p> <p>12.2 per cent of residents in Plymouth have their activities limited 'a little' because of a physical or mental health problem (2021 Census)</p>	None anticipated		
Gender reassignment	<p>0.5 per cent of residents in Plymouth have a gender identity that is different from their sex registered at birth. 0.1 per cent of residents identify as a trans man, 0.1 per cent identify as non-binary and, 0.1 per cent identify as a trans women (2021 Census).</p>	None anticipated		
Marriage and civil partnership	<p>40.1 per cent of residents have never married and never registered a civil partnership. 10 per cent are divorced, 6 percent are widowed, with 2.5 per cent are separated but still married.</p> <p>0.49 per cent of residents are, or were, married or in a civil partnerships of the same sex. 0.06 per cent of residents are in a civil partnerships with the opposite sex (2021 Census).</p>	None anticipated		
Pregnancy and maternity	<p>The total fertility rate (TFR) for England was 1.62 children per woman in 2021. The total</p>	None anticipated		

	fertility rate (TFR) for Plymouth in 2021 was 1.5.			
Race	<p>In 2021, 94.9 per cent of Plymouth's population identified their ethnicity as White, 2.3 per cent as Asian and 1.1 per cent as Black (2021 Census)</p> <p>People with a mixed ethnic background comprised 1.8 per cent of the population. 1 per cent of the population use a different term to describe their ethnicity (2021 Census)</p> <p>92.7 per cent of residents speak English as their main language. 2021 Census data shows that after English, Polish, Romanian, Chinese, Portuguese, and Arabic are the most spoken languages in Plymouth (2021 Census).</p>	None anticipated		
Religion or belief	<p>48.9 per cent of the Plymouth population stated they had no religion. 42.5 per cent of the population identified as Christian (2021 Census).</p> <p>Those who identified as Muslim account for 1.3 per cent of Plymouth's population while Hindu, Buddhist, Jewish or Sikh combined totalled less than 1 per cent (2021 Census).</p>	None anticipated		
Sex	51 per cent of our population are women and 49 per cent are men (2021 Census).	None anticipated		
Sexual orientation	88.95 per cent of residents aged 16 years and over in Plymouth describe their sexual orientation as straight or heterosexual. 2.06 per cent describe their sexuality as bisexual, 1.97 per cent of people describe their sexual orientation as gay or lesbian. 0.42 per cent of	None anticipated		

	residents describe their sexual orientation using a different term (2021 Census).			
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SECTION FOUR: HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

Human Rights	Implications	Mitigation Actions	Timescale and responsible department
	N/A		

SECTION FIVE: OUR EQUALITY OBJECTIVES

Equality objectives	Implications	Mitigation Actions	Timescale and responsible department
Celebrate diversity and ensure that Plymouth is a welcoming city.	N/A		
Pay equality for women, and staff with disabilities in our workforce.	N/A		
Supporting our workforce through the implementation of Our People Strategy 2020 – 2024	N/A		
Supporting victims of hate crime so they feel confident to report incidents, and working with, and through our partner organisations to achieve positive outcomes.	N/A		
Plymouth is a city where people from different backgrounds get along well.	N/A		