


EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT – ADULT SOCIAL CARE IMPROVEMENT PLAN

SECTION ONE: INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROPOSAL

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Overview:	<p>This EIA relates to a paper to be considered at Cabinet on 7th July 2025, which sets out the remit and progress of the Adult Social Care improvement plan. Adult Social Care is a statutory duty for Plymouth City Council and includes advice, assessment and the provision of support and care for adults who have additional needs, including but not limited to challenges caused by age, disability or illness. Plymouth City Council aims to provide a high standard of advice, support and care, to enable people to be able to live “gloriously ordinary lives”; living independently where they choose to, with the people they want to, for as long as possible. The Adult Social Care improvement plan draws on our learning from self-assessment, performance governance and Local Government Association Peer review, to test how well we are supporting people and to refine the areas where we need to continue to improve.</p> <p>Adult Social Care in Plymouth is delivered via a contractual arrangement with Livewell Southwest, with key functions such as triage, assessment and review provided by Livewell and some functions ‘retained’ by the Council, which includes Commissioning and direct delivery of support services such as Colwill and the Vines.</p>				
Decision required:	For Cabinet to note the report.				

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:	Yes		No	X

Does the proposal have the potential to negatively impact Plymouth City Council employees?				
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.	N/A - the EIA has been completed.			

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	<p>Plymouth</p> <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. • 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>None identified – Adult Social Care services are accessible to all those aged 18+ with an eligible need under the Care Act.</p> <p>We are aware that our local population is ageing, and we will need to ensure that our Adult Social Care services are able to adapt to meet future need.</p>	<p>The improvement plan aims to ensure that Adult Social Care services are consistently of good quality for all those who require them.</p>	<p>Ongoing – Plymouth City Council and Livewell Southwest</p>

<p>Care experienced individuals</p> <p>(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 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>	<p>None identified – Adult Social Care services are accessible to all those aged 18+ with an eligible need under the Care Act.</p> <p>There is a specific process in place for care experienced young people who are transitioning to Adult Social Care and this aims to ensure that effective care planning is in place for young people with more complex needs well in advance of their 18th birthdays.</p>	<p>The improvement plan aims to ensure that Adult Social Care services are consistently of good quality for all those who require them.</p>	<p>Ongoing – Plymouth City Council and Livewell Southwest</p>
<p>Disability</p>	<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>	<p>None identified – Adult Social Care services are accessible to all those aged 18+ with an eligible need under the Care Act.</p>	<p>The improvement plan aims to ensure that Adult Social Care services are consistently of good quality for all those who require them.</p>	<p>Ongoing – Plymouth City Council and Livewell Southwest</p>

Gender reassignment	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).	None identified – Adult Social Care services are accessible to all those aged 18+ with an eligible need under the Care Act.	The improvement plan aims to ensure that Adult Social Care services are consistently of good quality for all those who require them.	Ongoing – Plymouth City Council and Livewell Southwest
Marriage and civil partnership	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. 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).	None identified	None identified	N/A
Pregnancy and maternity	The total fertility rate (TFR) for England was 1.62 children per woman in 2021. The total fertility rate (TFR) for Plymouth in 2021 was 1.5.	None identified	None identified	N/A

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>	<p>None identified – Adult Social Care services are accessible to all those aged 18+ with an eligible need under the Care Act.</p> <p>We recognise that we need to ensure that we regularly connect with all communities in our city to ensure we consistently understand the needs of people who may be more seldom heard.</p>	<p>The improvement plan aims to ensure that Adult Social Care services are consistently of good quality for all those who require them.</p>	<p>Ongoing – Plymouth City Council and Livewell Southwest</p>
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>	<p>None identified</p>	<p>None identified</p>	<p>N/A</p>

Sex	51 per cent of our population are women and 49 per cent are men (2021 Census).	<p>None identified – Adult Social Care services are accessible to all those aged 18+ with an eligible need under the Care Act.</p> <p>We know that women in our city are statistically more likely to live for more years experiencing ill health and also that more women than men are unpaid carers - with the highest number in the 50-59 age group. We need to ensure that support for carers is available and includes a focus on the health of the carer.</p>	The improvement plan aims to ensure that Adult Social Care services are consistently of good quality for all those who require them.	Ongoing – Plymouth City Council and Livewell Southwest
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 residents describe their sexual orientation using a different term (2021 Census).	None identified	None identified	N/A

SECTION FOUR: HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

Human Rights	Implications	Mitigation Actions	Timescale and responsible department
	None identified	None identified	N/A

SECTION FIVE: OUR EQUALITY OBJECTIVES

Equality objectives	Implications	Mitigation Actions	Timescale and responsible department
Work together in partnership to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ promote equality, diversity and inclusion ▪ facilitate community cohesion ▪ support people with different backgrounds and lived experiences to get on well together 			
Give specific consideration to care experienced people to improve their life outcomes, including access to training, employment and housing.	None identified	None identified	N/A
Build and develop a diverse workforce that represents the community and citizens it serves.	None identified	None identified	N/A
Support diverse communities to feel confident to report crime and anti-social behaviour, including hate crime and hate incidents, and work with partners to ensure Plymouth is a city where everybody feels safe and welcome.	None identified	None identified	N/A