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Outcome of Preliminary Equality Impact Assessments

Introduction

The IJB are committed to making financial decisions in a fair, transparent and accountable way, considering the needs and the rights of the people of Glasgow, in line with the public sector equality and Fairer Scotland duties. To support meeting these duties, proposals have been subject to an Equality Impact Assessment (EQIA) to understand impacts, inform the development of the proposals, and to take steps to mitigate any impacts identified, wherever possible.

Identification of a potentially negative impact does not mean that the option cannot go forward. However, where this has been identified, action will be considered that minimise that impact should the option be approved.

Assessment

Proposals have been subject to a minimum of a preliminary Equality Impact Assessment to understand impacts, inform the development of the proposals, and to take steps to mitigate any impacts identified, wherever possible. EQIA's have been undertaken and published, wherever possible, however for those proposals that are still subject to ongoing reviews, preliminary assessments have been done and EQIA's will be undertaken and published in line with the completion of the reviews. The outcome of the assessments for each of the proposals is included at Appendix 1.

Overview and Cumulative Impact

TO FOLLOW - an overview will be added of the proposals where a potential impact was identified, and which characteristics are most likely to be impacted.

Equality Impacts

TO FOLLOW – Overview of potential for cumulative impact.

Socioeconomic Impacts

TO FOLLOW – Overview of potential for cumulative impact.

Staff Impacts

Potential equality impacts would relate to the workforce profile.

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- Glasgow City HSCP NHS staff are predominantly; Female (84%), 52% are aged 30 49 years and 33% and are aged 50 65 years.
- Glasgow City HSCP Council staff are predominantly; Female (81%), 48% are aged 50 65 years and 39% and are aged 30 49 years.

It is anticipated that the reduction will aim to be achieved through natural attrition or redeployment. An impact assessment is required to further consider what impacts there would be on staff, if any, and mitigate where possible. An assessment will be undertaken when plans for implementation are more fully developed. If this proposal is approved, there will be normal continued consultation with Unions as proposals are developed and implemented. Any appropriate workplace supports for any changes in roles or responsibilities will be identified and given further consideration where required.

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Appendix 1: Outcome of Equality Impact Assessments

Proposal	Outcome of Assessment	EQIA Status
Continence Products	It is not anticipated that this proposal will have a direct impact on equality or poverty, as patients will	Only Screening
Spending	continue to receive the support and products they need to meet their needs. Following an intensive review,	Required
	efficiencies were identified in ordering practices, batch ordering and cost-effective products.	
Maximisation of	Screening to follow	Only Screening
Income from Third		Required
Party Orgs Review of Health	Review of Health Improvement Services	Screening
Improvement Services	Review of Health improvement Services	Done, full EQIA
improvement Services	This proposal includes;	to be done and
	Review and Redesign of Health Improvement Staffing Structure	published on
	Reduction in expenditure that supports Partner prevention activity	conclusion of
	Cessation of Financial Advice Patient Referral Service	review
	 Reduction in Health Improvement Funding Contribution to the Lifelink Counselling Contract Discontinuation of funding for Urban Roots 	
	Discontinuation of funding for orban Noots	Full EQIA's
		done
	Review and Redesign of Health Improvement Staffing Structure	
	This proposal will require a review, redesign and reduction across a range of workstreams and specific	
	services are not known at this stage. Due to the scale of the saving and the services delivered by Health	
	Improvement, there is likely to be an impact on equality and poverty. A health impact assessment will be	
	used to identify those aspects of the service that will be reduced and which posts removed. An EQIA will be	
	undertaken as part of the review to identify any potential mitigating actions and will be published when available.	
	It is recognised that Primary care and Health Improvement work with all services across Glasgow City HSCP	
	and, in the case of the hosted teams, with the 5 other HSCPs in NHSGGC. The Health Improvement teams	
	support HSCP services to develop and implement early intervention and prevention programmes, reducing	
	the need for people to require help from downstream services. A reduction in Health Improvement	
	interventions will impact on demand for other services.	

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Due to the nature of the service and targeted programmes, any reduction in service is more likely to have an impact on children and young people, disabled people, in particular mental health, black and minority ethnic people, sexual orientation, women, pregnancy and maternity and people living in poverty. The review of business delivery within primary care and health improvement will be monitored by the Primary Care and Health Improvement Core Leadership Group. This proposal will include a reduction in FTE within Primary Care and Health Improvement, some of which are currently vacant. At this stage the total number of posts that will be removed is not known, but due to the scale, it is likely that redeployment will also be required. Potential equality impacts would relate to the workforce profile. Glasgow City HSCP NHS staff are predominantly; Female (84%), 52% are aged 30 – 49 years and 33% and are aged 50 – 65 years. An assessment will be undertaken when plans for implementation are more fully developed in line with the change management policy. Reduction in expenditure that supports Partner prevention activity There will be a rationalisation and reduction in non-pay expenditure. Where an impact on service delivery is identified that will have a significant impact on equality groups then an EQIA will be undertaken. Supplies budget supports the delivery of the health improvement and early intervention programmes including resources, resource developments, facilitating partnership working, training and capacity building for community and 3rd sector partners, alongside development budgets for new initiatives. Loss of this funding will impact on what can be delivered across a range of our programmes – primarily impacting on those in SIMD 1 and 2, people with poor mental health, children & young people, BME populations, asylum seekers. Reduction in Health Improvement Funding to the Lifelink Counselling Contract

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Proposal	Outcome of Assessment	EQIA Status
	<u>Discontinuation of funding for Urban Roots</u> – DRAFT subject to quality assurance	
	The proposal includes the discontinuation of the Urban Roots – Therapeutic Gardening & Food Activity Contract. The current contract comes to an end March 2025. This has the potential to have a negative impact on equality as the majority of participants are Women from Black and Minority Ethnic Backgrounds, living in areas in the 5% to 30% most deprived where access to quality, useable greenspace and green health activity is limited. The focus of the service is on reducing isolation and loneliness, therefore any reduction in service is likely to have an impact on mental health.	
	Formal advice was issued to Urban Roots on the potential end of contract in October 2024. Work was ongoing in the months previous to this to prepare them for the potential end of contract, including support with alternative grant funding applications.	
	An eqia was undertaken and can be found here.	
	Cessation of Financial Advice Patient Referral Service	
	The NHS Financial Inclusion service enabled community-based NHS staff to refer patients facing financial difficulties to dedicated Money Advice providers, with an aim of mitigating the high level of poverty experienced by our population, and its negative impact on health, by addressing financial instability for patients.	
	The service was closed to new referrals from 1st November 2024, as there was insufficient funding to sustain delivery. This option represents the recurring Health Improvement contribution.	
	An EQIA was carried out as part of the closing down of the overall service and can be found here . The EQIA found that the cessation of this service has the potential to have a significant negative impact on a number of vulnerable groups, in particular; families with children under 5 years old, Disabled People, Pregnancy and Maternity, People from Black and Minority Ethnic Backgrounds, Women and People living in poverty.	
Cessation of Huntington' Service	EQIA UNDERWAY - TO FOLLOW	Full EQIA done

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Proposal	Outcome of Assessment	EQIA Status
Reduction in Post	EQIA UNDERWAY - TO FOLLOW	Full EQIA done
Diagnostic Support		
Link Workers		
Reduction to Non –	SCREENING – TO FOLLOW	Only Screening
Pay Budgets	A market was a state of the line with a second of the Control of t	Required
Review of Linguistics Service – New Tender	A review was undertaken of the linguistics service in 2022, with an associated EQIA published. The service	Full EQIA done
Service – New Tender	specification was informed by the EQIA, and a new contract was awarded in December 2025 and savings identified. Any reduction in cost compared with current costs are not expected to result in a reduction of	
	service It is anticipated Specialist providers are expected to deliver the service at lower cost with no	
	reduction in quality and this will be monitored in line with any service specification.	
	reduction in quality and this will be monitored in line with any service specification.	
	As the service is targeted at equality groups and there has been a gap since the review was carried out, a	
	review of the EQIA actions was undertaken to ensure the service specification reflected them. The EQIA and	
	review can be found here. – REVIEW - TO FOLLOW	
Increase Charges to	The proposal includes a 5% uprating to charges and a 13% uprating to hot meals (£1.94 to £2.19). It also	Full EQIA done
Service User by 5%	includes the introduction of a new charge for new HSCP keysafe purchase and installation service (£100).	
	This service was previously chargeable through a commissioned service and has been brought in house.	
	Updates have been made to the costings for the transition from analogue to digital telecare, the differential	
	between the anticipated costs and actual costs has not been as high as originally anticipated. Community	
	Alarm unit cost will be at the same level for everyone transitioning to digital telecare for 2025/26 at £4.15.	
	There is potential for this increase to have a socio-economic impact for those experiencing poverty. This	
	may result in service users self-excluding from services, due to the cost. Due to the nature of the services	
	provided, this increase is most likely to have an impact on older and disabled people.	
	Steps will be taken to mitigate the impact of the increase through the financial assessment. The financial	
	assessment aims to ensure income maximisation has taken place by ensuring that service users are in	
	receipt of all social security benefits to which they are entitled and reflects on the service users ability to pay.	
	It also, acknowledges that there may be circumstances where it is appropriate to consider the waiving or	
	abatement of charges in cases of hardship, exceptional need or other exceptional circumstance. An equality	
	impact assessment has been undertaken on the charging policy and can be found here. The assessment	
	includes fuller details on the mitigating actions.	

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Proposal	Outcome of Assessment	EQIA Status
Income Maximisation	It is not anticipated that this option will have a significant impact on equality groups as there is no change to	Only Screening
 Recovery of Client 	the charges applied, the proposal includes improvements in collection of charges incurred. Although it is	Required
Contributions	noted that those who are subject to the charges are service users in permanent residential or nursing care	
	and are therefore predominantly older and/or disabled people. There is potential for socio economic impact	
	for those subject to the charges. However, it is noted that mitigating action is taken when the charges are	
	being applied. Those accessing the service are financially assessed through the Scottish Government	
	Charging for Residential Accommodation Guidelines (CRAG).	
	The Financial Assessment and Income Team also takes steps to refer service users, partners or spouse's to	
	welfare rights advice for guidance on income maximisation. It is also noted that under CRAG section 05005,	
	there is provision for an increase to the weekly personal allowance expense in certain situations such as:	
	property maintenance costs, retaining a higher personal allowance to allow the service user to lead a more	
	independent life, where there is a dependent child and disregarding half of a service user's occupational	
	pension if paid to the spouse or civil partner.	
Increase to EquipU	No direct impact on equality groups have been identified as charges are not applied to service users. Uplift	Only Screening
Management Fee	would be applied to EquipU Partners, in line with inflation.	Required
HR Training Income	No direct impact on equality groups have been identified as charges are not applied to service users.	Only Screening
Generation	Charges apply to universities for the provision of placements and are set by the Scottish Social Services	Required
	Council. Charges apply to other Local Authorities and Council services for the provision of admin and	
	practical services via our Approved Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA) Centre and the delivery of	
	training courses by our Learning & Development Home Care Team and are held at a cheaper rate than	
	other providers.	
Support Services:	No direct impact on equality groups have been identified. Staff budget has been realigned to reflect staff	Only Screening
Budget Realignment	turnover, in line with other services.	Required
Following Review of		
Budget and		
Establishment and		
Staff Turnover		
Application		
Realigning Future	EQIA to Follow	Full EQIA done
Care Planning Work		
Prescribing Efficiency	This proposal includes the further implementation of the Prescribing Efficiency Programme. An <u>EQIA</u> was	Full EQIA done

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Proposal	Outcome of Assessment	EQIA Status
Programme (including	undertaken for this programme in January 2024 and approach remains consistent with this assessment.	
full year impact of 24-		
25)	This includes the removal of medicines identified as having low clinical value, may have an impact on those	
	living in poverty. No specific equality impacts for the medicines have been identified as being	
	disproportionately impacted, however it is recognised that some groups may be more likely to access prescriptions. e.g. Disabled People and Older People. Those who choose to purchase items would incur a	
	charge for items no longer available on prescription, or it may result in withdrawing from those medicines,	
	due to incurring costs. For drugs that are no longer being prescribed, consideration will be given to	
	appropriate alternatives, and some may still be appropriate in some circumstances.	
	This programme will include consideration of supporting patients to switch prescriptions to a more cost-	
	effective brand, in discussion with the patient and healthcare professional, if appropriate. For drugs known at	
	this stage, it will be the same drug class, but with a different drug name. Some drugs require different doses	
	and patients may require to be supported through this change. If a patient has a preference to revert to a	
	previous therapy, this would be facilitated.	
Maximisation of	It is not anticipated that this proposal will have an impact on equality groups or poverty.	Only Screening
Funding Sources	It is recognised that Treatment Rooms provide a critical community health interventions, however no change	Required
Available for	in service provision is anticipated. The budget will be realigned to funding provided by the Scottish	
Treatment Rooms and	Government to support continued treatment room services.	
Pharmacy Staff	NHS – EQIA UNDERWAY - TO FOLLOW	Full EQIA done
Review of Support to Carer and Integration	NHS - EQIA UNDERWAY - TO FOLLOW	Full EQIA done
of Carers Service	Council – Summary only, EQIA will be made available, in line with outcome of review	Screening
within Localities –	Council — Currinary Only, EQIA will be made available, in line with outcome of review	Done, full EQIA
Review of Carers		to be done and
Teams		published on
		conclusion of
Review of	This proposal relates to two separate initiatives within the commissioning of Adult Mental Health Services:	review Full EQIA's
Commissioned Adult	The Review of Glasgow Mental Health and Huntington's Service – EQIA here – DRAFT subject to	done
Mental Health	quality assurance	33110
Services	 Redesign and deregistration of Mental Health Care homes with Glasgow City Council – <u>EQIA here</u> 	

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Proposal	Outcome of Assessment	EQIA Status
	DRAFT subject to quality assurance	
	Summary of Outcomes to follow	
Review of Commissioned Adult Alcohol & Drug Recovery Services	Impacts are not known at this time. A programme of reviews of historic contracts are currently underway, however specific services, where savings may be identified are not known at this stage. The reviews are being undertaken as part of a systematic programme of review in accordance with contract management framework requirements. To ensure community services are person-centred, outcome focussed and achieve best value for the HSCP.	Screening Done, full EQIA to be done and published on conclusion of review
	Any change or reduction in service is more likely to impact on men and ages 35 – 54 years, due to the current Alcohol and Drug Recovery Service case load. In line with business as usual, EQIAs will be completed in conjunction with each of the reviews, published and used to inform future tendering and associated service specifications.	
Access to Social Care – Maximising Independence	In September 2024 the IJB approved the review of access to social care. The review did not propose any changes to existing relevant policies. It was to ensure that SDS resources are allocated to meet assessed need in a consistent way. It set out that the HSCP will update how we consistently apply our eligibility criteria; refresh our signposting to alternative supports within local communities; update our social work assessments to be strength-based and apply a more consistent allocation of resources where people's needs are equivalent.	Full EQIA done
	As there is no change in policy an EQIA is not required. However, this EQIA has been undertaken on the implementation of the approach as good practice and to ensure equality impacts and opportunities for further mitigation are a core consideration throughout implementation. EQIA here DRAFT subject to quality assurance	
Review of Commissioned Services in Homelessness	EQIA UNDERWAY - TO FOLLOW	Full EQIA done
Cessation of Funding of Care and Repair Service	EQIA UNDERWAY - TO FOLLOW	Full EQIA done

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QIA to follow	Full EQIA done
is not anticipated that this proposal will have a significant impact on equality or poverty. The Scottish Care	Only Screening
rough its Partners for Integration team endeavour to create the conditions for transformational change in	Required
ow services are commissioned and delivered by embedding a culture of improvement and the	
rplementation of good practice through partnership working with the independent sector. While the	
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unding is provided to support GPs to attend meetings as part of the engagement activity to promote	Only Screening
ollaborative working between HSCP services and general practice. It is not anticipated that this proposal	Required
porer quality of care for patients in the future that there will be impacts on the most vulnerable groups.	
ttandance at locality primary care meetings and the use of webinars will continue to be supported to	
QIA to follow	Full EQIA done
is in order or order or order	ough its Partners for Integration team endeavour to create the conditions for transformational change in w services are commissioned and delivered by embedding a culture of improvement and the plementation of good practice through partnership working with the independent sector. While the ailability of the Independent Sector Lead has supplemented the wider relationship management aspect of outract Management with the independent sector providers in the city, it is not critical and will have limited erational impact for the HSCP if not continued. There is not a specific equality element to this partnership organime. Treening to follow Tr

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Proposal	Outcome of Assessment	EQIA Status
Adaptation Equipment		
Spend		
Older People	The proposal includes a reduction of 1 FTE.	Only Screening
Community Mental		Required
Health Team –	This post relates to Occupational Therapy compliment of staff within the wider Older Peoples' Mental Health	
Removal of Vacant	multidisciplinary team. Although it is recognised that the service is delivered to over 65s with mental ill health	
OT Post	in the community, it is anticipated that impact on service users will be minimal as this reduction is currently being accommodated within the existing team structures as there continues to be Occupational Therapy	
	staff within the team and the service will continue to be available within existing resources. There is currently	
	no waiting list for the service. Work will be ongoing, to monitor any change in waiting lists.	
	Potential equality impacts would relate to the workforce profile. Glasgow City HSCP NHS staff are	
	predominantly; Female (84%), 52% are aged 30 – 49 years and 33% and are aged 50 – 65 years. The posts	
	are currently vacant, so no redeployment is required.	
Reduction to Non –	Screening to follow	Only Screening
Pay Budgets		Required
Acute Hospital Liaison	The proposal includes a reduction of 0.5 FTE. This post relates to a psychologist post for the Older Peoples'	Only Screening
Psychology - Removal	Psychology Service that responds to referrals from acute services for psychological intervention and	Required
of Vacant Psychology	treatment of Older Peoples' Mental Health inpatients. It is anticipated that impact on service users will be	
Post	minimal as this reduction is currently being accommodated within the existing team structures and the	
	service will continue to be available within existing resources. It is noted that this proposal has reduced	
	capacity and flexibility within the system.	
	Potential equality impacts would relate to the workforce profile. Glasgow City HSCP NHS staff are	
	predominantly; Female (84%), 52% are aged 30 – 49 years and 33% and are aged 50 – 65 years. This post	
	is currently vacant, so no redeployment is required. Work will be ongoing with staffside as proposals are	
	implemented.	
Cessation of	EQIA here – DRAFT subject to quality assurance	Full EQIA done
Wellbeing for Longer		
Fund	Summary to follow	
Home First Response	The proposal includes a reduction of 1 FTE. This service is a multi-disciplinary team composed of	Only Screening
Service	community staff working alongside the acute team to identify, assess and turn around patients at the earliest	Required

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Proposal	Outcome of Assessment	EQIA Status
Proposal	opportunity, up to 72 hours post-admission. This work aligns with preventative measures such as the development of HSCP Frailty Pathways to support prevention/early intervention activity and future care planning to maintain individuals at home for longer, reducing risk of admission to hospital. Although this service is targeted at Older and Disabled People, it is anticipated that impact on service users will be minimal as this reduction is currently being accommodated within the existing team structures and the service will continue to be available within existing resources. Monitoring has been in place while the post has been vacant during staff moves, and patients seen has been consistent. This will continue to be monitored. It is noted that this proposal has reduced capacity and flexibility within the system. Potential equality impacts would relate to the workforce profile. Glasgow City HSCP NHS staff are predominantly; Female (84%), 52% are aged 30 – 49 years and 33% and are aged 50 – 65 years. This post	EQIA Status
	is currently vacant, so no redeployment is required. Work will be ongoing with staffside as proposals are implemented.	
Removal of Practice Development Nurse Post	Screening to follow	Only Screening Required
Health Visiting Service – Reduction of 7.8 FTE Posts	EQIA to follow	
Review of Central Parenting Team	To follow	Screening Done, full EQIA to be done and published on conclusion of review
Removal of Counselling Service current sitting within Sandyford Sexual Health Service	EQIA to follow	Full EQIA done
Reduction in Complex	Screening only to follow	Only Screening

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Proposal	Outcome of Assessment	EQIA Status
Needs Service		Required
Removal of Scottish Ambulance Service Triage Car Operation in Mental Health Assessment Unit	Screening only to follow	Only Screening Required
Review of Psychotherapy Service	Potential impacts are not known at this time. A review of Psychotherapy Services is underway. The aim of the review is to recommend a model to be considered in line with proposed savings and to develop new criteria and referral pathways for patients continuing to access psychotherapy. Any change or reduction in service is more likely to impact on women and people with mental health conditions, due to the current case load. People accessing psychotherapy often have longstanding and complex psychological problems and treatments can be intensive and long term. Often psychotherapy is a last option for patients who have not responded to other services and supports. The patient group supported are often highly vulnerable with frequent presentations of complex trauma, with therapy lasting a number of years. Patients would receive treatment through Community Mental Health Teams, which is likely to place additional pressure on the psychological therapies waiting lists. An EQIA is being developed as part of this process to reflect the impact on the patient group and	Screening Done, full EQIA to be done and published on conclusion of review
Reduction in Anchor Trauma Service	opportunities for mitigating action and will be made available with the recommendations. Potential impacts are not known at this time. A review of Anchor Trauma Service is underway. The aim of the review is to recommend a model to be considered in line with proposed savings and to develop new criteria and referral pathways for patients continuing to present with a need for a specialist Trauma service. This will not impact on specific funding received from Scottish Government to deliver on national contracts. Any change or reduction in service is more likely to impact on women and people with mental health conditions due to the current case load. The service is targeted at people who present with Complex Post Traumatic Stress Disorder following experiences of complex trauma. An EQIA is being developed as part of this process to reflect the impact on the patient group and opportunities for mitigating action and will be made available with the recommendations	Screening Done, full EQIA to be done and published on conclusion of review

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Proposal	Outcome of Assessment	EQIA Status
Reduction in Primary Care Mental Health Services	Potential impacts are not known at this time. A review of Primary Care Mental Health teams is underway. The aim of the review is to recommend a model to be considered in line with proposed savings. Any change or reduction in service is more likely to impact on women and people with mental health conditions, due to the current case load. An EQIA is being developed as part of this process to reflect the impact on the patient group and opportunities for mitigating action and will be made available with the recommendations.	Screening Done, full EQIA to be done and published on conclusion of review
Reduction in Mental Health Employability Commissioned Services	EQIA to follow	Full EQIA done
Consolidation of Crisis and Outreach Services	Potential impacts are not known at this time. A review of ADRS Crisis Outreach Service and Out of Hours Service is underway. The aim of the review is to recommend a model which will maximise effectiveness, current and future resource and improvements to the patient/service user journey, which is anticipated to deliver savings. Any change or reduction in service may result in reduced capacity to deliver assertive outreach to people at high risk of drug and alcohol related harms, and the provision of specialist treatment. However, the investment in Alcohol and Drug Recovery Services to upskill and increase the workforce has incorporated capacity to respond to people assertively in their own communities, and the Safer Drug Consumption Facility staffing includes a multi-disciplinary workforce that are skilled in responding to wider psychosocial needs. An EQIA is being developed as part of this process to reflect the impact on the patient group and opportunities for mitigating action and will be made available with the recommendations.	Screening Done, full EQIA to be done and published on conclusion of review
Reduction in Alcohol and Drug Partnership Programmes	Screening to follow	Only Screening Required
Removal of Vacant Posts in Learning Disability	To follow	TBC
Commissioning Funding for	To follow	TBC

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Proposal	Outcome of Assessment	EQIA Status
Specialised		
Supported Living Unit		

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