SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Instructions

Sustainability is one of the CCG's key priorities and consequently the CCG has made a corporate commitment to address the environmental effects of its activities across all service areas. The purpose of the Sustainability Impact Assessment is to record any positive or negative impacts that a Policy / Board Report / Committee Report / Service Plan / Project is likely to have on each of the CCG's sustainability themes. The Sustainability Impact Assessment enables any relevant impacts to be identified and potentially managed.

The Sustainability Impact Assessment is based on assessing the impact of the activity against a series of criteria covering environmental sustainability issues. It would be most desirable for activities to score positively in as many areas as possible, although it is likely that some areas will score positively against some themes, and negatively against others.

Using the Sustainability Impact Assessment template

To complete the Sustainability Impact Assessment template, you should consider whether the Policy / Board Report / Committee Report / Service Plan / Project will have a positive or negative impact on each of the themes by placing a mark in the appropriate column. When you think there is likely to be an impact, please provide some annotations regarding the nature of the impact, and any actions that will be taken to address that impact. Users should note that not every theme will be relevant. Where this is the case the 'No Specific Impact' column should be marked. Users should also consider the following tips:

1. Make relative not absolute judgements (e.g. a new energy efficient service would score positively even if it consumes more energy than if no service were provided).
2. Be aware that small positive changes could be outweighed by negative ones (e.g. new energy efficient lighting in the short term may outweigh the benefits of maintaining current lighting).
3. If there are both positive and negative impacts, these need to be recorded in order to give a balanced view. Be objective and unbiased.
4. Concentrate on the most key significant issues - there is the potential to consider the appraisal in a very detailed way. This should be avoided at this stage.
5. Judge a proposal over its whole lifespan and remember that some impacts may change over different timescales.

If you require assistance in completing the Sustainability Impact Assessment please contact the Corporate Services Team.

Domain	Review questions	Assessment of Impact Negative = -1 Neutral = 0 Positive = 1 Unknown = ? Not applicable = n/a	Brief description of impact	If negative, how can it be mitigated? If positive, how can it be enhanced?
Models of Care	Will it minimise 'care miles' making better use of new technologies such as telecare and telehealth, delivering care in settings closer to people's homes? Will it create incentives to promote prevention, healthy behaviours, mental wellbeing, living independently and self-management? Will it provide evidence-based, personalised care that achieves the best possible health and well-being outcomes with the resources available? Will it reduce avoidable hospital admissions or permanent admissions to residential care or nursing homes? Will it pay for services based on health outcomes rather than activity for example through personal budgets? Will it deliver integrated care, that co-ordinate different elements of care more effectively and remove duplication and redundancy from care pathways? More info: http://www.sduhealth.org.uk/areas-of-focus/clinical-and-care-models.aspx	1. 1. 1. N/A N/A N/A		
Travel	Will it reduce 'care miles' (telecare, care closer) to home? Will it reduce repeat appointments? Will it provide / improve / promote alternatives to car based transport (e.g. public transport, walking and cycling)? Will it support more efficient use of cars (car sharing, low emission vehicles, community transport, environmentally friendly fuels and technologies)? Will it improve access to services and facilities for vulnerable or disadvantaged groups or individuals? More info: http://www.sduhealth.org.uk/areas-of-focus/carbon-hotspots/travel.aspx	N/A N/A 1. N/A		
Facilities Management	Will it reduce the amount of waste produced or increase the amount of waste recycled? More info: http://www.sduhealth.org.uk/areas-of-focus/carbon-hotspots/waste.aspx Will it reduce water consumption? Will it improve the resource efficiency of new or refurbished buildings (water, energy, density, use of existing buildings, designing for a longer lifespan)? Will it improve green space and access to green space? More info: http://www.sduhealth.org.uk/areas-of-focus/carbon-hotspots/energy.aspx	N/A N/A N/A N/A		
Adaptation to Climate Change	Will it support mitigation of the likely effects of climate change (e.g. identifying proactive and community support for vulnerable groups; contingency planning for flood, heatwave and other weather extremes)? More info: http://www.sduhealth.org.uk/areas-of-focus/community-resilience/community-resilience-copy.aspx	N/A		

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Procurement	Will it specify social, economic and environmental outcomes to be accounted for in procurement and delivery in line with the Public Services (Social Value) Act 2012? Will it stimulate innovation among providers of services related to the delivery of the organisations' social, economic and environmental objectives? Will it reduce waste, environmental hazards and toxic materials for example by reducing PVC, antibiotic use, air pollution, noise, mining and deforestation? Will it reduce use of natural resources such as raw materials, embedded water, and energy to promote a circular economy? Will it support the local economy through local suppliers, SMEs or engage with third sector or community groups? Will it promote ethical purchasing of goods or services e.g. increasing transparency of modern slavery in the supply chain globally? More info: http://www.sduhealth.org.uk/areas-of-focus/commissioning-and-procurement/procurement.aspx	N/A N/A N/A N/A N/A N/A		
Workforce	Will it provide employment opportunities for local people? Will it promote or support equal employment opportunities? Will it promote healthy working lives (including health and safety at work, work-life/home-life balance and family friendly policies)? Will it offer employment opportunities to disadvantaged groups and pay above living wage? More info: http://www.sduhealth.org.uk/areas-of-focus/social-value.aspx	N/A 1. 1. N/A		
Community Engagement	Will it promote health, increase community resilience, social cohesion, reduce social isolation and support sustainable development? Will it reduce inequalities in health and access to services? Will it increase participation including patients, the public, health professionals and elected officials to contribute to decision making? Have you sought the views of our communities in relation to the impact on sustainable development for this activity? Will it increase peer-support mechanisms? More info: http://www.sduhealth.org.uk/areas-of-focus/community-resilience.aspx	N/A N/A N/A N/A N/A		
Estimated carbon benefit	What is the estimated carbon benefit (in terms of tCO_2e) from the implementation of this project? As opposed to the current business as usual position. Speak with your sustainability manager and see the following guidance: More info: http://www.sduhealth.org.uk/areas-of-focus/carbon-hotspots/pharmaceuticals/cspm/sustainable-care-pathways-guidance.aspx	N/A		