



## Equality Impact/Fairer Scotland Duty Assessment Form

(To be completed with reference to Guidance Notes)

### Step 1

**Name of Proposal** (includes e. g. budget savings, committee reports, strategies, policies, procedures, service reviews, functions):

Removal of the remaining visiting specialists service for primary schools.

### Step 2

Is this only a **screening** Equality Impact Assessment No

**(A)** If Yes, please choose from the following options **all** reasons why a full EIA/FSD is not required:

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| (i) It does not impact on people   | Yes/No |
| (ii) It is a percentage increase in fees which has no differential impact on protected characteristics | Yes/No |
| (iii) It is for information only   | Yes/No |
| (iv) It is reflective e.g. of budget spend over a financial year                                       | Yes/No |
| (v) It is technical  | Yes/No |

If you have answered yes to any of points above, please go to **Step 16**, and sign off the Assessment.

**(B)** If you have answered No to the above, please indicate the following:

Is this a full Equality Impact Assessment	Yes
Is this a Fairer Scotland Duty Assessment	No

If you have answered Yes to either or both of the above, continue with Step 3.

If your proposal is a **strategy** please ensure you complete Step 13 which is the Fairer Scotland Duty Assessment.

### Step 3

(i)Lead Directorate/Service:

Education and Lifelong Learning

(ii)Are there any **relevant** statutory requirements affecting this proposal? If so, please describe.

The provision of a Visiting Specialist service is non-statutory.

The following legislation is considered broadly relevant to the proposal:

Education (Scotland) Act 1980 as amended

Education (Additional Support for Learning) (Scotland) Act 2004 as amended

Children and Young People Act 2014

(iii)What is the aim of the proposal? Please give full details.

The proposal will remove the provision of a visiting specialist service for primary schools. This service currently provides input in relation to art and design, music and physical education. Existing staff will become part of the core staffing allocation for Angus and there will be no redundancies.

(iv)Is it a new proposal?            No

Is it a review of e.g. an existing budget saving, report, strategy, policy, service review, procedure or function? Further review of budget efficiencies agreed as part of the Change Programme. [Report 59/18](#) refers.

### Step 4: Which people does your proposal involve or have consequences for?

Please indicate all which apply:

Employees	Yes
Job Applicants	Yes
Service users	Yes
Members of the public	No

**Step 5: List the evidence/data/research that has been used in this assessment (links to data sources, information etc which you may find useful are in the Guidance). This could include:**

**Internal data** (e.g. customer satisfaction surveys; equality monitoring data; customer complaints).

Staffing data relating to the allocation of Visiting Specialist time to primary schools.

**Internal consultation** (e.g. with staff, trade unions and any other services affected).

Meetings held with Visiting Specialist Teachers (initial discussion on 22/02/2023)  
Directorate Senior Leadership Team  
Head Teachers  
Trade Union reps

**External data** (e.g. Census, equality reports, equality evidence finder, performance reports, research, available statistics)

Review of approaches by other local authorities, who have already implemented this proposal.  
SNCT / AJNCT guidelines

**External consultation** (e.g. partner organisations, national organisations, community groups, other councils).

**Other** (general information as appropriate).

#### **Step 6: Evidence Gaps.**

Are there any gaps in the equality information you currently hold?      No

If yes, please state what they are, and what measures you will take to obtain the evidence you need.

#### **Step 7: Are there potential differential impacts on protected characteristic groups?**

Please complete for each group, including details of the potential impact on those affected. Please remember to take into account any particular impact resulting from **Covid-19**.

**Please state if there is a potentially positive, negative, neutral or unknown impact for each group. Please state the reason(s) why.**

Age

#### **Impact – neutral - children and young people**

Although this proposal will remove a service, it is noted that primary schools already offer a broad range of curricular opportunities, including Art, Music and PE as part of the Broad General Education. The visiting specialist service has already been reduced from previous levels, with schools receiving very limited input from the remaining resource. This proposal can be implemented without impacting on children's rights as set out in the UNCRC. This includes Article 28, the right to education.

### **Impact – neutral – adults**

Existing postholders will be offered alternative teaching roles.

Disability

### **Impact – neutral**

Provision of expressive arts and health improvement will continue via class teachers for all learners, including those with disabilities.

Gender reassignment

### **Impact - neutral**

Marriage and Civil Partnership

### **Impact - neutral**

Pregnancy/Maternity

### **Impact - neutral**

Race - (includes Gypsy Travellers)

### **Impact – neutral**

Religion or Belief

### **Impact - neutral**

Sex

### **Impact – negative**

The majority of the affected postholders are women. The effects of this will be mitigated by alternative roles being offered.

Sexual orientation

### **Impact - neutral**

## **Step 8: Consultation with any of the groups potentially affected**

If you have consulted with any group potentially affected, please give details of how this was done and what the results were.

Consultation with employees is ongoing as part of the Managing Workforce Change procedure.

If you have not consulted with any group potentially affected, how have you ensured that you can make an informed decision about mitigating action of any negative impact (Step 9)?

## **Step 9: What mitigating steps will be taken to remove or reduce potentially negative impacts?**

- Schools will continue to offer Expressive Arts and Physical Education through their approaches to the delivery of Broad General Education.
- Redeployment is being offered to employees.

## **Step 10: If a potentially negative impact has been identified, please state below the justification.**

N/A

## **Step 11: In what way does this proposal contribute to any or all of the public sector equality duty to: eliminate unlawful discrimination; advance equality of opportunity; and foster good relations between people of different protected characteristics?**

N/A

## **Step 12: Is there any action which could be taken to advance equalities in relation to this proposal?**

N/A

## **Step 13: FAIRER SCOTLAND DUTY**

This step is only applicable to **strategies** which are key, high level decisions. If your proposal is **not** a strategy, please leave this Step blank, and go to Step 14.

Links to data sources, information etc which you may find useful are in the Guidance.

### **Step 13(A) What evidence do you have about any socio-economic disadvantage/inequalities of outcome in relation to this strategic issue?**

### **Step 13(B) Please state if there are any gaps in socio-economic evidence for this strategy and how you will take measures to gather the evidence you need.**

**Step 13(C) Are there any potential impacts this strategy may have specifically on the undernoted groupings?** Please remember to take into account any particular impact resulting from **Covid-19**.

**Please state if there is a potentially positive, negative, neutral or unknown impact for each grouping.**

**Low and/or No Wealth** (e.g. those with enough money to meet basic living costs and pay bills but have no savings to deal with any unexpected spends and no provision for the future).

**Impact**

**Material Deprivation** (i.e. those unable to access basic goods and services e.g. repair/replace broken electrical goods, warm home, leisure and hobbies).

**Impact**

**Area Deprivation** (i.e. where people live (e.g. rural areas), or where they work (e.g. accessibility of transport)).

**Impact**

**Socio-economic Background** i.e. social class including parents' education, people's employment and income.

**Impact**

**Other** – please indicate

**Step 13(D) Please state below if there are measures which could be taken to reduce socio-economic disadvantage/inequalities of outcome.**

**Step 14: What arrangements will be put in place to monitor and review the Equality Impact/Fairer Scotland Duty Assessment?**

**Step 15: Where will this Equality Impact/Fairer Scotland Duty Assessment be published?**

On the Council website with the committee report.

**Step 16: Sign off and Authorisation.** Please state name, post, and date for each:

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