

DATA PROTECTION IMPACT ASSESSMENT POLICY

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

A Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) is a process designed to help organisations analyse, identify and minimise the Data Protection risks¹ of a project or plan. It is a key part of our accountability obligations under UK General Data Protection Regulation, and when done properly helps the Trust assess and demonstrate how the organisation complies with Data Protection obligations.

It does not have to eradicate all risk, but should help minimise and determine whether or not the level of risk is acceptable in the circumstances, taking into account the benefits of what you want to achieve. An effective Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) allows you to identify and fix problems at an early stage, bringing broader benefits for both individuals and the Trust.

It can reassure individuals that we are protecting their interests and have reduced any negative impact on them as much as we can. In some cases the consultation process for a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) will give individuals a chance to have some say in the way their information is used. Conducting and publishing a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) can also improve transparency and make it easier for individuals to understand how and why we are using their information. Our Data Protection Impact Assessments are available here: <https://www.sfh-tr.nhs.uk/about-us/information-governance/data-protection-impact-assessments/>.

Conducting a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) will help us to build trust and engagement with the people using our services, and improve our understanding of their needs, concerns and expectations.

A Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) can cover a single processing operation, or a group of similar processing operations. You may even be able to rely on an existing Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) if it covered a similar processing operation with similar risks. A group of organisations can also do a joint Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) for a group project or industry-wide initiative.

For new technologies, you may be able to use a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) done by the product developer to inform your own Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) on your implementation plans.

For new projects, Data Protection Impact Assessments (DPIA) is a vital part of Data Protection by design. They build in Data Protection compliance at an early stage, when there is most scope for influencing how the proposal is developed and implemented.

¹ Risk in this context is about the potential for any significant physical, material or non-material harm to individuals

However, it's important to remember that Data Protection Impact Assessments (DPIA) are also relevant if you are planning to make changes to an existing system. In this case you must ensure that you do the Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) at a point when there is a realistic opportunity to influence those plans.

In other words, a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) is not simply a rubber stamp or a technicality as part of a sign-off process. It's vital to integrate the outcomes of your Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) back into your project plan.

You should not view a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) as a one-off exercise to file away. A Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) is a 'living' process to help you manage and review the risks of the processing and the measures you've put in place on an on-going basis. You need to keep it under review and reassess if anything changes.

In particular, if you make any significant changes to how or why you process personal data, or to the amount of data you collect, you need to show that your Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) assesses any new risks. An external change to the wider context of the processing should also prompt you to review your Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA). For example, if a new security flaw is identified, new technology is made available, or a new public concern is raised over the type of processing you do or the vulnerability of a particular group of individuals.

Under UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR), failure to carry out a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) when required may leave the Trust open to enforcement action, including a fine of up to £17.5 million, or 4% of annual global turnover, whichever is greater.

There can also be financial benefits. Identifying a problem early on generally means a simpler and less costly solution, as well as avoiding potential reputational damage later on. A Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) can also reduce the on-going costs of a project by minimising the amount of information you collect where possible, and devising more straightforward processes for staff.

2.0 POLICY STATEMENT

Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (the Trust) processes a significant volume of personal and special category of data including data relating to children and vulnerable adults. In compliance with Article 25 of the GDPR the Trust adopts internal policies and implements measures which meet the principles of data protection from the initiation of new projects into the Trust.

Adhering to this policy, using the relevant documentation associated we will be able to identify when a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) is required and/or appropriate and record the process through to completion of a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) for ratification.

For this policy to be its most effective, it must be followed at the very early planning stages of new projects and run alongside the project plan.

3.0 DEFINITIONS/ ABBREVIATIONS

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| Data Controller | Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust is registered as a Data Controller with the Information Commissioner’s Office. A Data Controller is defined as ‘a person who (either alone or jointly or in common with other persons) determines the purposes for which and the manner in which any personal data are, or are to be processed’. |
| Data Processor | A processor is a natural or legal person (not an employee), public authority, agency or other body which processes personal data on behalf of the controller. Processors act on behalf of the relevant controller and under their authority. In doing so, they serve the controller's interests rather than their own |
| Data subject | This is the technical term for the individual whom particular personal data is about. In this policy we generally use the term ‘patients and staff’ instead. |
| Human Rights Act 1998 | <p>The Human Rights Act 1998 requires that any intrusion into the private and family life of an individual must be in accordance with the law, proportionate and necessary for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • national security • public safety • the economic well-being of the country • for the prevention of disorder or crime for the protection of health or morals or for the protection of the rights and freedoms of others. |
| ICO (Information Commissioner’s Office) | The ICO is the supervisory authority for Data Protection in the UK. They offer advice and guidance, promote good practice, monitor breach reports, conduct audits and advisory visits, consider complaints, monitor compliance and take enforcement action where appropriate. |
| Personal data² | Personal data means information about a particular living individual ‘data subject’. It does not need to be ‘private’ information – even information which is public knowledge or is about someone’s professional life can be personal data. |

² Personal information and personal data are used interchangeably in this document

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| | <p>It does not cover truly anonymous information – but if you could still identify someone from the details, or by combining it with other information, it will still count as personal data.</p> <p>It only includes paper records if we plan to put them on a computer (or other digital device) or file them in an organised way. In the Trust, all paper records are technically included – but will be exempt from most of the usual Data Protection rules for unfiled papers and notes.</p> <p>Examples of personal information include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a name • identification number i.e. NHS number, NI number • location data • an online identifier i.e. IP addresses and cookie identifiers • one or more factors specific to the physical, physiological, genetic, mental, economic, cultural or social identity of that natural person. |
| Processing | <p>Almost anything we do with data counts as processing; including collecting, recording, storing, using, analysing, combining, disclosing or deleting it.</p> |
| Special categories of personal data | <p>The special categories of personal data are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. racial or ethnic origin b. political opinions c. religious or philosophical beliefs d. trade-union membership e. genetic data, f. biometric data for the purpose of uniquely identifying a natural person g. data concerning health h. data concerning a natural person's sex life or sexual orientation. |

4.0 ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Committees

Trust Board

The Trust Board is ultimately responsible for Information Governance within the organisation and is also responsible for ensuring that sufficient resources are provided to support the requirements of the policy.

Information Governance Committee

The Committee is responsible for ensuring that this policy is effectively implemented, including any supporting guidance and training deemed necessary to support the implementation, and for monitoring and providing Board assurance in this respect.

Chief Executive

The Chief Executive has overall responsibility for this policy within the Trust. Implementation of, and compliance with this policy is delegated to the Senior Information Risk Owner, Caldicott Guardian, Data Protection Officer, and members of the Information Governance Committee.

Senior Information Risk Owner

The Director of Corporate Affairs is responsible to the Chief Executive for Information Governance and is the designated Senior Information Risk Owner, who takes ownership of the Trust's information risk policy, acts as an advocate for information risk on the Board and provides written advice to the Chief Executive on the content of the Statement of Internal Control in regard to information risk. The Senior Information Risk Owner also reports annually to the Trust Board on Information Governance performance.

Caldicott Guardian

The Medical Director is the 'conscience' of the organisation, providing a focal point for patient confidentiality, information sharing and advising on the options for lawful and ethical processing of information as required.

Data Protection Officer

We are a public authority and have appointed a Data Protection Officer. The Data Protection Officer reports to the Senior Information Risk Owner and works with the Caldicott Guardian.

The Data Protection Officer is tasked with monitoring compliance with Data Protection legislation, our data protection policies, awareness-raising, training, and audits. Our Data Protection Officer acts as a contact point for the Information Commissioner's Office. When performing their tasks, our Data Protection Officer has due regard to the risk associated with processing operations, and takes into account the nature, scope, context and purposes of processing.

Chief Clinical Information Officer

Liaises between clinical medicine, IT and information management and provides guidance and leadership to ensure the Data Protection Impact Assessment is implemented.

Information Asset Owners (IAOs)

Information Asset Owners (IAOs) must be senior/responsible individuals involved in running the relevant business. Their role is to understand what information is held, what is added and what is removed, how information is moved, and who has access and why. As a result they are able to understand and address risks to the information, and ensure that information is fully used within the law for the public good. They provide a written judgement of the security and use of their asset annually to support the audit process. When carrying out a Data Protection Impact Assessment, we seek the advice of our Data Protection Officer who also monitors the process.

Information Asset Administrators (IAAs)

Information Asset Administrators ensure that Information Governance policies and procedures are followed, recognise actual or potential Information Governance security incidents and take steps to mitigate those risks, consult their Information Asset Owners on incident management, and ensure that information asset registers are accurate and up to date. When carrying out a Data Protection Impact Assessment, we seek the advice of our Data Protection Officer who also monitors the process.

All Staff

All Trust employees and anyone else working for The Trust (e.g. agency staff, honorary staff, management consultants etc.) who use and have access to Trust personal information must understand their responsibilities for Data Protection and confidentiality.

5.0 APPROVAL

Policy approval is by the Information Governance Committee.

6.0 DOCUMENT REQUIREMENTS

6.1 WHEN IS A DATA PROTECTION IMPACT ASSESSMENT MANDATORY?

Conducting a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) is a legal requirement for any type of processing, including certain specified types of processing that are likely to result in a **high risk³ to the rights and freedoms of individuals.**

In order to provide a more concrete set of processing operations that require a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA), the following nine criteria should be considered. **In most cases, a combination of two of the eleven factors indicates the need for a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA). However, in some cases, the Trust can consider meeting only one of the eleven factors.** The Data Protection Impact Assessment Procedure is available on the

³ To assess whether something is 'high risk', the GDPR is clear that you need to consider both the likelihood and severity of any potential harm to individuals. 'Risk' implies a more than remote chance of some harm. 'High risk' implies a higher threshold, either because the harm is more likely, or because the potential harm is more severe, or a combination of the two.

Trust's website⁴ where there are screening questions which will help you decide whether a Data Protection Impact Assessment is required:

1. **Evaluation or scoring** - including profiling and predicting. For example, a biotechnology company offering genetic tests directly to consumers in order to assess and predict the disease/health risks.
2. **Automated decision making with legal or similar significant effect** - processing that aims at taking decisions on individuals. For example, the processing may lead to the exclusion or discrimination against individuals.
3. **Systematic monitoring** of individuals - processing used to observe, monitor or control individuals. For example, CCTV, monitoring of the employees' work station, internet activity, etc.
4. **Sensitive data or data of a highly personal nature** - this includes special categories of personal data (for example information about individuals' health care, racial or ethnic origin etc.).
5. **Data processed on a large scale** – how many individuals concerned, either as a specific number or as a proportion of the relevant population;
 - b. the volume of data and/or the range of different data items being processed;
 - c. the duration, or permanence, of the data processing activity;
 - d. the geographical extent of the processing activity.
6. **Matching or combining datasets** - for example originating from two or more data processing operations performed for different purposes and/or by different data controllers in a way that would exceed the reasonable expectations of the data subject⁵
7. **Data concerning vulnerable individuals** - individuals may be unable to easily consent to, or oppose, the processing of their data, or exercise their rights. Vulnerable individuals may include children, employees, more vulnerable segments of the population requiring special protection (mentally ill persons, asylum seekers, or the elderly, patients, etc.).
8. **Innovative use or applying new technological or organisational solutions** - combining the use of finger print and face recognition for improved physical access control.
9. **Preventing individuals from exercising a right or using a service or contract** - When the processing in itself “prevents individuals from using a service or a contract”. An example of

⁴ <https://www.sfh-tr.nhs.uk/about-us/policies-and-procedures/non-clinical-policies-procedures/information-governance/?id=8644>

⁵ See explanation in the WP29 Opinion on Purpose limitation 13/EN WP 203, p.24

https://ec.europa.eu/justice/article-29/documentation/opinion-recommendation/files/2013/wp203_en.pdf

this is where a bank screens its customers against a credit reference database in order to decide whether to offer them a loan.

10. **Offer online services directly to children** - Children need particular protection when you are collecting and processing their personal data because they may be less aware of the risks involved. If you process children's personal data then you should think about the need to protect them from the outset, and design your systems and processes with this in mind.
11. **Storing or transmitting data outside the EU/EEA** - You may make a restricted transfer if the receiver is located in a third country or territory, or is an international organisation, or in a particular sector in a country or territory, covered by UK 'adequacy regulations'. You can make a restricted transfer if it is covered by a legal instrument between public authorities or bodies containing 'appropriate safeguards'. The appropriate safeguards must include enforceable rights and effective remedies for people whose personal data is transferred.
12. **Direct marketing e.g. newsletters, email subscriptions** - Direct marketing can add value to the customer experience. It can make people aware of new products and services that they may benefit from, give them opportunities to take part in events, or find out about important causes. When done responsibly direct marketing can also increase trust and confidence in your brand or organisation. However, direct marketing has the potential to cause nuisance to people, and in some cases it can cause them harm and distress.

Data Protection Impact Assessments should be conducted on any plan or proposal for a system or service where privacy issues may need to be considered. It does not have to be a formal project as a Data Protection Impact Assessment is suitable for:

- A new IT system for storing and accessing personal data.
- A data sharing initiative between organisations to pool or link sets of personal data.
- A proposal to identify people in a particular group or demographic and initiate a course of action.
- Using existing data for a new and unexpected or more intrusive purpose.
- A new surveillance system or the application of new technology to an existing system.
- A new database that consolidates information held by separate parts of an organisation.
- Legislation, policy or strategies, which will affect privacy through the collection of use of information, or through surveillance or other monitoring.
- Change of use of a building i.e. new reception area, new ward etc.
- Any change in procedure of handling, obtaining, recording using storing, and destruction of personal identifiable data.

6.2 WHEN IS A DATA PROTECTION IMPACT ASSESSMENT NOT REQUIRED?

A Data Protection Impact Assessment is not required in the following cases:

- where the project is unlikely to result in a high risk to the rights and privacy of individuals;
- when the nature, scope, context and purposes are very similar to a project for which a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) has been carried out. In such cases, results of previous Data Protection Impact Assessments (DPIA) can be used;
- where the processing is included on the optional list. This list at the time of writing this policy is not available from the Information Commissioner's Office.

6.3 AT WHAT STAGE DO I COMPLETE A DATA PROTECTION IMPACT ASSESSMENT?

The Data Protection Impact Assessment should be carried out “**prior to the processing**”.

The Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) should be started as early as possible in the project, even if some of the finer details are still unknown. Updating the Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) throughout the project will ensure that data protection and privacy are considered and will encourage the creation of solutions which promote compliance. It can also be necessary to repeat individual steps of the assessment as the development process progresses.

The Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) is an on-going process, especially where a project is dynamic and subject to on-going change. Carrying out a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) is a continual process, not a one-time exercise.

6.4 WHO IS REQUIRED TO CARRY OUT THE DATA PROTECTION IMPACT ASSESSMENT?

The Trust is responsible for ensuring that the Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) is carried out. The Data Protection Impact Assessments (DPIA) may be done by someone else, inside or outside the organisation, but the Trust remains ultimately accountable. Data Protection Impact Assessments should be completed by Information Asset Owners/Administrators who have good knowledge of the project, the systems involved and the level of information required. It is likely that multiple staff from the project will need to be involved with carrying out the Data Protection Impact Assessment.

The Trust must also seek the advice of the Data Protection Officer (DPO), and this advice, and the decisions taken by the Trust, should be documented within the Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA). The Data Protection Officer should also monitor the performance of the Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA).

If the project is wholly or partly performed by a third party (data processor), **the third party should assist the Trust in carrying out the Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)** and provide any necessary information.

The Trust must also “**seek the views of data subjects (individuals) or their representatives**”, **where appropriate**”. The Trust should also document its reasoning for not seeking the views of individuals, if it decides that this is not appropriate, for example if doing so would compromise the confidentiality of companies’ business plans, or would be disproportionate or impracticable.

In risk management terms, a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) aims at “managing risks” to the rights and freedoms of individuals, using the following processes, by:

- establishing the context: “taking into account the nature, scope, context and purposes of the processing and the sources of the risk”;
- assessing the risks: “assess the particular likelihood and severity of the high risk”;
- treating the risks: “mitigating that risk” and “ensuring the protection of personal data”, and “demonstrating compliance”.

6.5 HOW TO CONDUCT A DATA PROTECTION IMPACT ASSESSMENT

A copy of the Trust Data Protection Impact Assessment template is available on the [Trust’s website](#)⁶.

6.6 WHEN DO WE NEED TO CONSULT THE INFORMATION COMMISSIONER’S OFFICE?

If you identify a high risk that you cannot take measures to reduce, the Data Protection Officer must consult the Information Commissioner’s Office. You cannot begin the processing. The Information Commissioner’s Office will give written advice within eight weeks, or fourteen weeks in complex cases. If appropriate, they may issue a formal warning not to process the data, or ban the processing altogether.

An example of an unacceptable high residual risk includes instances where the individuals may encounter significant, or even irreversible, consequences, which they may not overcome (e.g.: an illegitimate access to data leading to a threat on the life of the individuals, a layoff, a financial jeopardy) and/or when it seems obvious that the risk will occur (e.g.: by not being able to reduce the number of people accessing the data because of its sharing, use or distribution modes, or when a well-known vulnerability is not patched).

⁶ <https://www.sfh-tr.nhs.uk/about-us/policies-and-procedures/non-clinical-policies-procedures/information-governance/?id=8644>

7.0 MONITORING COMPLIANCE AND EFFECTIVENESS

| Minimum Requirement to be Monitored (WHAT – element of compliance or effectiveness within the document will be monitored) | Responsible Individual (WHO – is going to monitor this element) | Process for Monitoring e.g. Audit (HOW – will this element be monitored (method used)) | Frequency of Monitoring (WHEN – will this element be monitored (frequency/ how often)) | Responsible Individual or Committee/ Group for Review of Results (WHERE – Which individual/ committee or group will this be reported to, in what format (eg verbal, formal report etc) and by who) |
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| Audit of completed Data Protection Impact Assessments (DPIAs) | Information Governance Team | Audit | Annually | Information Governance Committee |
| Adherence to Information Governance policies and procedures in nominated Division/ Department | 360 Assurance | Audit | Annually | Information Governance Committee |

8.0 TRAINING AND IMPLEMENTATION

8.1 Training

Annual data security awareness level 1 (formally known as Information Governance) training is mandatory for all new starters as part of the induction process. In addition all existing staff must undertake data security awareness level 1 training on an annual basis. Staff can undertake this either face-to-face⁷ or online. Provision is available online (or face to face for staff who do not have routine access to personal data) and includes Data Protection and confidentiality issues.

Data security awareness level 1 session meets the statutory and mandatory training requirements and learning outcomes for Information Governance in the UK Core Skills Training Framework (UK CSTF) as updated in May 2018 to include General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR).

Our Senior Information Risk Owner, Information Asset Owners and Information Asset Administrators must attend regular information risk awareness training which is available from the [Information Governance team](#)⁸.

8.2 Implementation

A copy of this policy and all related policies and procedures are provided to all staff and patients on the Trust's website.⁹

9.0 IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

- This document has been subject to an Equality Impact Assessment, see completed form at Appendix A
- This document is not subject to an Environmental Impact Assessment

10.0 EVIDENCE BASE (Relevant Legislation/ National Guidance) AND RELATED SFHFT DOCUMENTS

Evidence Base:

- Confidentiality: NHS Code of Practice
[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/200146/Confidentiality - NHS Code of Practice.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/200146/Confidentiality_-_NHS_Code_of_Practice.pdf)
- The Network and Information Systems Regulations 2018 (UK) [The Network and Information Systems Regulations 2018 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](#)
- Data Protection Act 2018 <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2018/12/contents/enacted>
- Freedom of Information Act 2000 <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/36/contents>
- UK General Data Protection Regulation [Guide to the UK General Data Protection Regulation \(UK GDPR\) | ICO](#)

⁷ <https://sfhcoursebooking.nnotts.nhs.uk/default.aspx> (internal web link)

⁸ <https://sfhcoursebooking.nnotts.nhs.uk/fulldetails.aspx?recid=457> (internal web link)

⁹ <https://www.sfh-tr.nhs.uk/about-us/policies-and-procedures/non-clinical-policies-procedures/>

- Health and Social Care Act 2012
<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2012/7/contents/enacted>
- Human Rights Act 1998 <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1998/42/contents>
- Information: To share or not to share? The Information Governance Review March 2013
https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/192572/2900774_InfoGovernance_accv2.pdf
- International standards e.g. ISO 31000:2009, Risk management — Principles and guidelines, International Organization for Standardization (ISO) ; ISO/IEC 29134 (project), Information technology – Security techniques – Privacy impact assessment – Guidelines, International Organization for Standardization (ISO)
- ISO/IEC 17799:2005 (Information Security Standards)
<https://www.iso.org/standard/39612.html>
- NHS Act 2006 <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2006/41/contents>
- NHS Care Record Guarantee
<https://www.happyhealthylives.uk/download/clientfiles/files/Care-Record-Guarantee.pdf>
- NHS Constitution for England <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-nhs-constitution-for-england>

Related SFHFT Documents:

- Clinical Records Keeping Standards
- Code of Conduct Leaflet
- Corporate Records Policy
- Data Protection, Confidentiality and Disclosure Policy
- Data Protection, Confidentiality and Disclosure Procedure
- Data Protection Impact Assessment Procedure
- Data Protection Impact Assessment Screening Questions
- Data Quality Policy
- Health Records Management Policy
- Information Governance Policy
- Information Security Policy
- Information Sharing Protocol
- IAO Framework
- Retention and Destruction Policy.

11.0 KEYWORDS

Cloud storage, off site, information security, confidentiality, integrity, availability, privacy by design.

12.0 APPENDICES

- Please refer to list in contents table.

APPENDIX 1 - EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT FORM (EQIA)

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| Name of service/policy/procedure being reviewed: Data Protection Impact Assessment Policy | | | |
| New or existing service/policy/procedure: Existing | | | |
| Date of Assessment: 13th January 2023 | | | |
| For the service/policy/procedure and its implementation answer the questions a – c below against each characteristic (if relevant consider breaking the policy or implementation down into areas) | | | |
| Protected Characteristic | a) Using data and supporting information, what issues, needs or barriers could the protected characteristic groups' experience? For example, are there any known health inequality or access issues to consider? | b) What is already in place in the policy or its implementation to address any inequalities or barriers to access including under representation at clinics, screening? | c) Please state any barriers that still need to be addressed and any proposed actions to eliminate inequality |
| The area of policy or its implementation being assessed: | | | |
| Race and Ethnicity | None | Not applicable | None |
| Gender | None | Not applicable | None |
| Age | None | Not applicable | None |
| Religion | None | Not applicable | None |
| Disability | Visual accessibility of this policy | Already in Arial font size 12. Use of technology by end user. This policy can be made available in alternative formats, such as easy read or large print, and may be available in alternative languages, upon request | None |
| Sexuality | None | Not applicable | None |
| Pregnancy and Maternity | None | Not applicable | None |

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| Gender Reassignment | None | Not applicable | None |
| Marriage and Civil Partnership | None | Not applicable | None |
| Socio-Economic Factors (i.e. living in a poorer neighbourhood / social deprivation) | None | Not applicable | None |
| What consultation with protected characteristic groups including patient groups have you carried out? | | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None | | | |
| What data or information did you use in support of this EqIA? | | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trust guidance for completion of the Equality Impact Assessments. | | | |
| As far as you are aware are there any Human Rights issues be taken into account such as arising from surveys, questionnaires, comments, concerns, complaints or compliments? | | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No | | | |
| Level of impact | | | |
| <p>From the information provided above and following EQIA guidance document Guidance on how to complete an EIA (click here), please indicate the perceived level of impact:</p> <p>Low Level of Impact</p> | | | |
| Name of Responsible Person undertaking this assessment: Gina Robinson | | | |
| Signature: Gina Robinson | | | |
| Date: 13 th January 2023 | | | |