

## Template for Impact Assessment Level 1: Initial screening assessment

<b>Subject of assessment:</b>	Adult Social Care: Respite Charging			
<b>Coverage:</b>	ASC service specific change to the respite charging process			
<b>This is a decision relating to:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Strategy</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Policy</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Service</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Function</b>
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Process/procedure</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Programme</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Project</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Review</b>
	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Organisational change</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Other (please state)</b>		
<b>It is a:</b>	<b>New approach:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Revision of an existing approach:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>It is driven by:</b>	<b>Legislation:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Local or corporate requirements:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Description:</b>	<p>Respite care is a service to support informal carers to take a break through the provision of residential and nursing care for the cared for person. The Care Act 2014 and Statutory Instrument (2017) No.555 provides guidance on Charging and Financial assessment of service users in receipt of care and support in a care home.</p> <p>In 2019/2020 a review of respite charging was undertaken which changed the charging policy for respite care. Having embedded this for two and a half years and in preparation for social care charging reform we are proposing further amendments to the respite charging policy.</p> <p>This is due to the fact that phased approach to implementation took place, preserving the payment rates for existing service users. This in turn has led to confusion regarding the rate that the service user was required to pay and in some cases the service user has been quoted and paid the flat rate or the local authority contracted rate which has left a shortfall in fees for the care home. Upon appeal from service users that they were being asked to pay increased costs, the Local Authority has had to meet this shortfall which is contributing to current budget pressures.</p> <p>The key stakeholders in relation to this decision are service users, their carers, care home providers, social workers and financial assessors.</p>			
<b>Live date:</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> March 2023			
<b>Lifespan:</b>	Permanent change from 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2023			
<b>Date of next review:</b>	This will be reviewed in 2024 to ensure this is in line with the proposed care reforms which are to take place in 2025			

Screening questions	Response			Evidence
	No	Yes	Uncertain	
<b>Human Rights</b> Could the decision impact negatively on individual Human Rights as enshrined in UK legislation?*	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Outline the evidence supporting the assessment.
<b>Equality</b> Could the decision result in adverse differential impacts on groups or individuals with characteristics protected in UK equality law? Could the decision impact differently on other commonly disadvantaged groups?*	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Outline the evidence supporting the assessment.
<b>Community cohesion</b> Could the decision impact negatively on relationships between different groups, communities of interest or neighbourhoods within the town?*	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Outline the evidence supporting the assessment.
<b>Next steps:</b> ➡ If the answer to all of the above screening questions is No then the process is completed. ➡ If the answer of any of the questions is Yes or Uncertain, then a Level 2 Full Impact Assessment must be completed.				

<b>Assessment completed by:</b>	Ruth Musicka, Head of Access and Safeguarding	<b>Head of Service:</b>	N/A
<b>Date:</b>	15.1.23	<b>Date:</b>	

\* Consult the Impact Assessment further guidance appendix for details on the issues covered by each of these broad questions prior to completion.