

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

<b>Subject of assessment:</b>	Change of service provision			
<b>Coverage:</b>	Specialist Substance Prescribing Service across Middlesbrough			
<b>This is a decision relating to:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Strategy</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Policy</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Service</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Function</b>
	<input 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 type="checkbox"/>	<b>Local or corporate requirements:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Description:**

**Key aims, objectives and activities:**

The aim of the integrated service is to reduce and prevent the harm caused by substance misuse to individuals, families and the community while providing the opportunity to become 'free from their dependence'. This is something we know is the desire of the vast majority of people entering drug and alcohol treatment. Supporting people to live a drug and alcohol-free life is at the heart of our vision for recovery.

**Statutory Drivers:**

The service is guided by the National Drug Strategy:

From Harm to Hope, will be monitored by CQC (Care Quality Commission) and follow

NICE guidelines.

**Description of Service:**

This Specialist Prescribing service provides clinical interventions as part of a substance misuse treatment model.

It is currently commissioned as part of the overall substance misuse treatment and recovery provision within Middlesbrough: the ACT Recovery Solutions model. The clinical service will operate as an integrated substance misuse service, along with the in-house care co-ordination team and the recovery service.

**Differences from any previous approach:**

The specialist prescribing service in Middlesbrough is currently contracted to Foundations Medical Practice delivered from their premises on Acklam Road, as a single site.

Following a service review as part of the commissioning cycle, it was agreed that the contract for specialist substance prescribing would go out to tender, and a 12-month extension until March 24 was put in place to allow time for the process and mobilisation. Foundations Medical Practice have now service notice on the contract,

which is now due to end 30 September 2023. The procurement process has also failed, with no organisations submitting bids for a contract to commence 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023.

Public Health are currently seeking agreement to bring the specialist prescribing service in house, which will allow greater flexibility in delivery and financially will enable a greater level of clinical staffing provision.

The ACT Recovery Solutions model is, in line with Middlesbrough Council's locality working agenda, is working towards a more dispersed delivery model across 3 main bases within Middlesbrough to increase accessibility for those requiring support.

The current Specialist Prescribing service is delivered from Foundations Medical Practice, however this delivery site will end with the contract. This will mean a change in the delivery location for those accessing clinical interventions, as clinical interventions will be delivered from the ACT Recovery Solutions 3 main bases moving forward. This more local offer will improve support and access within local communities, and delivery within multi-agency settings will improve the ability to meet the diverse needs of service users within one building.

In recent service user feedback the current location and lack of alternative locations was stated as a barrier, and localising treatment provision and increasing accessibility is a national priority of OHID.

In terms of staffing they will TUPE on current T&C, which will retain current expertise.

Service experience for the client will not be adversely impacted as they will be able to access a more local, accessible offer, with all elements of the ACT Recovery Solutions model available in the same place, and in a multi-agency setting with access to other support functions.

**Key stakeholders and intended beneficiaries (internal and external as appropriate):**

Social Care, health and primary care, mental health, legal/enforcement, community services. Middlesbrough Council internal teams/services as bringing the provision in house allows greater control in responding flexibly to locally identified trends and needs of the treatment population and local community.

**Intended Outcomes:**

The intended outcome is to disperse our clinical provision from one building across 3 main bases in line with the Council's locality based working agenda within the strategic priorities. This will better support individuals and

communities, and developing the ability to connect and respond more flexibly to the local needs of the communities. This will have the following benefits:

- Greater engagement with wider health and support needs through basing in a multi-agency setting;
- Create cost efficiencies for Middlesbrough Council, maximising the provision and enhancing the delivery through the financial benefits created by bringing the service in house;
- Improve connections between the service and the local community, raising awareness and breaking down stigma with a marginalised and vulnerable group;
- Increase the prevention and early intervention offer through closer links to the local community;
- Reduce harm and associated health and crime costs through increased engagement;
- Health Improvement benefits through greater integration with wider Public Health and Local Authority services and work streams, allowing greater efficiencies within the wider system and more holistic, integrated provision;
- Prevention of drug related death and crime, improved rates of recovery, and improved mental health and health/wellbeing, again through increased engagement and access;
- Locality based, multi-agency support/wellbeing offers are aspirational within health and support settings, and this model will be held as an innovative model of best practice.

<b>Live date:</b>	Change to location will be phased throughout June to September with a go live date for the new service of 01/10/23
<b>Lifespan:</b>	On going
<b>Date of next review:</b>	March 26

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"/>	The proposed review will not impact on the duties performed by the service and will not impact on individual Human Rights as defined in the UK legislation.

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

**Equality**

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?\*



The Equality Act 2010 requires that the impact of recommendations is considered as part of the decision-making process. The Act requires that the Council must have due regard to the need to:

- Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act.
- Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
- Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.

Having due regard to the need to advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it involves having due regard, in particular the need to:

- remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons who share a relevant protected characteristic that are connected to that characteristic
- take steps to meet the needs of persons who share a relevant protected characteristic that are different from the needs of persons who do not share it;
- encourage persons who share a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity in which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

The decision to change service provision will result in improved access for all groups, the move to 3 bases making provision more accessible to those living further from the current delivery site

It will allow us to better respond to local complexities and the needs of the local community.

Screening questions	Response			Evidence
	No	Yes	Uncertain	
<p><b>Community cohesion</b>            Could the decision impact negatively on relationships between different groups, communities of interest or neighbourhoods within the town?*</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>The current service with Foundations Medical Practice provides additional services for groups who are at risk of impacting on the community, in addition to those accessing for specialist prescribing. Current delivery indicated the Specialist Prescribing Service does not have a significant impact on particular communities nor neighbourhoods, however there may be concerns that the change of service within the main bases may have an impact on community cohesion around the type and needs of the service users along anti-social behaviour which is an ongoing issue within those areas that is regularly monitored.</p> <p>A full communication and engagement plan is in development to mitigate against this and the service will be working closely with the local communities to tackle any issues or concerns brought forward. It is predicted more residents engaged with recovery will in turn reduce anti-social behaviour, crime, hospital attendance and improve overall health and well-being within communities.</p>
<p><b>Next steps:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ If the answer to all of the above screening questions is No then the process is completed.</li> <li>➤ If the answer of any of the questions is Yes or Uncertain, then a Level 2 Full Impact Assessment must be completed.</li> </ul>				
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