

Equality Screening Form

Title of policy: **Domestic Homicide Review**

Part 1

11. It might be helpful to provide information relating to the Domestic Homicide Review key findings December 2016. Could include link to review document.

11. I note that all Section 75 categories are expected to benefit from this policy, in particular women generally. You can add this in to Part 2 of the screening questions.

13. The fact that the policy is dependent upon cross-departmental working can be included in as a factor, which could contribute to/detract from the intended aim/outcome.

15 I note that there is limited data available for a number of the Section 75 categories. Limited data is available on religious belief, political opinion, marital status and disability.

Data recorded in some instances goes back to 2004/05. There is a need for more up to date information. If data is not available in Northern Ireland, you can consider referring to information available for England and Wales.

There is significant data from England and Wales on mental health and domestic violence, which you can include in the section on disability.

Highlight that going forward data would be collected on all the Section 75 categories.

16 This section relates to the different needs, experiences and priorities of each equality category. Not sure that the question is answered in that way. The question talks about 'details of evidence/information' it should actually read 'details of needs/experiences/priorities'.

So under 'race' for example you could highlight cultural and language barriers and lack of knowledge of legal entitlements etc.

I appreciate that this is difficult given the lack of data in some equality areas. Where there is no data available, it is okay to state that 'there is no available evidence to show that the policy will have an adverse impact.'

The purpose of the Review is to shed light on the past in order to ensure that the future is safer for those that are subject to domestic violence and abuse. Therefore, all Section 75 categories would be expected to benefit from the policy.

Part 2

Section 3. Only needs to be one of the three questions answered.....so in this instance it would seem that only 3.2 applies.

Part 4

Section 4. Highlight if possible how data will be collected going forward which will cover all Section 75 categories.

Other Issues

Will the DHR panels receive appropriate training relating to equality and diversity issues?