

Screening Report June 2014

1.0 Introduction

1.1 AS a designated public authority for the purposes of section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998, the Northern Ireland Audit Office (NIAO), in carrying out its functions, powers and duties, must:

- (1) Have due regard to the need to promote equality of opportunity between:
 - persons of different religious belief, political opinion, racial group, age, marital status or sexual orientation;
 - men and women generally;
 - persons with a disability and persons without; and
 - persons with dependants and persons without; and
- (2) Without prejudice to the above obligation, have regard to the desirability of promoting good relations between persons of different religious belief, political opinion or racial group.

1.2 In relation to the requirement to assess the impact of its policies on the promotion of equality of opportunity, the NIAO reviews its policies to determine whether there are any equality of opportunity implications and whether any policy should be subject to an Equality Impact Assessment (EQIA)

2.0 Why are we reporting our screening outcomes?

2.1 The purpose of publishing the screening outcomes report is to make our policies and screening outcomes accessible and provide an opportunity for feedback. It also demonstrates our commitment to ensuring that the work we do and the decisions that we take are more open and transparent.

3.0 Policies screened June 2013-June 2014

Policy Area	New or Revised	Screening Decision
Internal Whistleblowing The purpose of the guidance is to reassure staff that it is safe and acceptable to speak up and to enable them to raise any concern they may have	revised	Screened Out No indication of adverse impact on any section 75 group. The procedure does not present any opportunity to better promote good relations by amending the policy or

about malpractice at an early stage and in the right way		working within the larger community. Overall the impact of the policy on different groups is none.
External Stakeholder Engagement Strategy Sets out how we will engage with key stakeholders	revised	Screened Out No indication of adverse impact on any section 75 group. The procedure does not present any opportunity to better promote good relations by amending the policy or working within the larger community. Overall the impact of the policy on different groups is none.

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