

Equality Impact Assessment



Alcohol Nurse Services

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Description of current service/policy

The aim of Alcohol Nurse Service in acute hospitals is to minimise alcohol related harm, identify and intervene with alcohol problems early and to reduce demand on acute hospital services. This service is evidence-based and delivers on a range of Public Health outcomes. The Alcohol Nurse Services in Hampshire delivers interventions to over 850 (Hampshire) patients a quarter, with over 100 of these resulting in referrals to community substance misuse services.

Geographical impact: All
Hampshire

Description of proposed change

Alcohol Nurse Services are currently funded by a range of partners including Hampshire County Council, Portsmouth and Southampton Local Authorities, Clinical Commissioning Groups and Acute Hospital Trusts, and it is proposed that this funding arrangement will continue. The project seeks to request approval of grant funding (for one year from 1 April 2020) to continue to contribute towards the provision of Alcohol Nurse Services to Hampshire residents accessing University Hospital Southampton NHS Foundation Trust (UHST), Hampshire Hospital's NHS Foundation Trust (HHFT), Frimley Health NHS Trust (FPH) and Portsmouth NHS Hospital Trust (PHT). The total amount of funding is £203,000.

Impacts of the proposed change

This impact assessment covers Service users

Engagement and consultation

Has engagement or consultation been carried out?

No

No consultation is planned as this is a continuation of a current service.

Statutory considerations	Impact	Mitigation
Age: Positive	40-64 year olds have the highest rate of alcohol related admissions and therefore the Alcohol Nurse Service would have a positive impact on this age group.	
Disability: Neutral		
Sexual orientation: Neutral		
Race: Neutral		
Religion and belief: Neutral		
Gender reassignment: Neutral		
Gender: Neutral		

Marriage and civil partnership: Neutral		
Pregnancy and maternity: Neutral		
Other policy considerations	Impact	Mitigation
Poverty: Positive	The impact of harmful and dependent drinking is greatest in deprived communities. Health outcomes such as rates of alcohol related conditions, alcohol related mortality and alcohol related hospital admissions for are higher for those living in Gosport, Havant and Rushmoor. Investment in the Alcohol Nurse Services will ensure support for those living in these areas to reduce alcohol related harm.	
Rurality: Neutral		

Neutrality statement (if all considerations have a neutral impact)

Any other information