

## Full equalities impact assessment

Directorate:

**Standards &  
Engagement**

Service:

**Clinical Governance**

Piece of work being assessed:

**CONSENT TO TREATMENT AND INVESTIGATION POLICY**

Aims of this piece of work:

The policy is a national model developed by the Department of Health in 2001 and all NHS organisations have to use this model. The policy requires updating due to the introduction of the Mental Capacity Act in October 2007 and the legal PCT's general and specific duties in relation to promoting equality. The DOH has yet to update the model so this policy has been revised within the PCT as an interim document until the new model is published.

Name of lead person:

**Linda Wild**

Other partners/stakeholders involved:

Evidence Based Practice Group  
Clinical Governance Group  
Education & Training Department  
Public Health - National Child  
Measurement Programme  
Community Services Older Peoples  
Management team Business meeting  
Mental Capacity Act Meeting

Date of assessment:

**November 2008**

Who is intended to benefit from this piece of work?

All patients have a fundamental legal and ethical right to determine what happens to their own bodies. Valid consent to treatment is therefore absolutely central in all forms of healthcare.

<b>Single Equality Scheme strand</b>	<b>Baseline data and research on the population that this piece of work will affect</b> What is available? What does it show? Are there any gaps? Use both quantitative and qualitative research and user data Include consultation with users if available	<b>Is there likely to be a differential impact?</b> If 'yes', is that impact direct or indirect discrimination?
<b>All</b>	Not known	Yes Direct - Depending on the specific details of the situation, this could result in breaches of the Human Rights Act and/or unlawful discrimination on the relevant equality grounds.

## Equalities Impact Assessment Action Plan

Strand	Issue	Action required	How will you measure the impact/outcome?	Timescale	Lead
<b>All</b>	There is considerable scope for negative impact on people who are directly affected by the policy in circumstances where either staff do not comply with the procedures set out in the policy and/or a patient's ability to give consent is impaired (temporarily or permanently).	To collect data	Review data collection	November 2010	