

Newry, Mourne and Down District Council Policy Screening Form

Policy Information

Name of the policy	Asbestos Management Policy
Is this an existing, revised or new policy?	Revised
What is it trying to achieve (aims/outcomes)	<p>The Council recognises that exposure to asbestos fibres can present a serious risk to health and are committed to protecting the health and safety of their staff, contractors, clients and visitors who may be affected by their activities, along with ensuring compliance with all relevant health and safety legislation.</p> <p>The policy applies to all Council owned and leased premises constructed prior to 2000, to any extent, under the Council's control. The Policy and associated Asbestos Management Plan (AMP) sets down the framework by which the Council, all employees, contractors and visitors will be expected to meet their legal duties.</p> <p>The AMP details the requirements and standards that must be complied with in order to prevent uncontrolled disturbance of asbestos containing materials resulting in possible exposure of employees, visitors and external contractors; to prevent the spread of any asbestos contamination and to achieve and maintain compliance with all applicable health and safety legislation.</p> <p>The AMP provides a standardised approach for all persons who are responsible for managing workplaces, premises and facilities and work activities, thus ensuring consistency across the Council.</p>
Are there any Section 75 categories which might be expected to benefit from the intended policy? If so, explain how.	No specific Section 75 category might be expected to benefit from the policy and procedure.
Who initiated or wrote the policy?	A Mallon
Who owns and who implements the policy?	C Sage, Assistant Director Sustainability

Implementation factors

	Yes	No
Are there any factors which could contribute to/detract		X

from the intended aim/outcome of the policy/decision?		
If yes, are they Financial		
If yes, are they Legislative		
If yes, and they are Other please specify:		

Main stakeholders affected

Who are the internal and external stakeholders (actual or potential) that the policy will impact upon?

	Yes	No
Staff	X	
Service users	X	
Other public sector organisations		
Voluntary/community/trade unions		
Other, please specify:		

Other policies with a bearing on this policy

What are they	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newry, Mourne & Down District Council Health & Safety Policy • Newry, Mourne & Down District Council Health & Safety Policy Organisational Procedures • Newry, Mourne & Down District Council Asbestos Management Plan (AMP) <p>Other relevant statutory regulations and documents to be consulted as part of the policy include: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health & Safety at Work (NI) Order 1978 • Management of Health & Safety at Work Regulations (NI) 2000 • Control of Asbestos Regulations (NI) 2012 • HSE (2013), Managing and working with asbestos: Approved Code of Practice and guidance, L143 (2nd ed).
Who owns them	

Available evidence

What evidence/information (both qualitative and quantitative) have you gathered to inform this policy? Specify details for relevant Section 75 categories.

Section 75 Category	Details of needs/experiences/priorities																							
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Racial group	<p data-bbox="392 1738 1414 1850">According to the 2021 Census, 3.4% (65,604) of the usually resident population of Northern Ireland belongs to minority ethnic groups. This is almost double the proportion in 2011 (1.8%).</p> <p data-bbox="392 1890 1398 2036">The minority ethnic language profile within the area serves as a possible indicator of the BME community profile. The composition of language groups in the Newry, Mourne and Down District Council area is noted by NISRA (2021) as follows:</p>																							

Minority Ethnic Language Profile of the Newry, Mourne and Down LGD Area

Main language of residents in Newry, Mourne and Down District LGD	Number	Percentage %
English	168,408	96.1
Polish	2,143	1.22
Lithuanian	1,149	0.66
Irish	553	0.32
Romanian	347	0.2
Portuguese	119	0.06
Arabic	170	0.09
Bulgarian	677	0.39
Chinese (not otherwise specified)	70	0.04
Slovak	98	0.05
Hungarian	106	0.06
Spanish	77	0.04
Latvian	279	0.15
Russian	180	0.10
Tetun	22	0.01
Malayalam	51	0.03
Tagalog/Filipino	44	0.03
Cantonese	38	0.02
Other languages	711	0.41

Age

According to the 2021 Census, the age profile of the Newry, Mourne and Down LGD is as follows:

Age Profile	NI	Newry, Mourne & Down
0-4	113,825	11,722
5-7	73,456	7,693
8-9	51,020	5,259
10-14	126,919	13,151
15	23,220	2,254
16-17	46,641	4,923
18-19	43,343	4,024
20-24	111,383	10,022
25-29	116,407	10,354
30-44	375,518	34,970
45-59	381,910	36,612
60-64	113,043	10,755
65-74	176,934	16,922
75-84	110,149	9,872
85-89	25,877	2,344

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Marital status	<p>The table below provides an overview of the marital status profile of the Newry, Mourne and Down area:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Marital Status</th> <th>Newry, Mourne and Down LGD</th> <th>NI</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>All usual residents: Aged 16+ years</td> <td>141,996</td> <td>1,514,743</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Single (never married or never registered a same-sex civil partnership) Aged 16+ years</td> <td>52,128 (36.7%)</td> <td>576,708 (38.1%)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Married: Aged 16+ years</td> <td>68,076 (47.9%)</td> <td>690,509 (45.6%)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>In a registered same-sex civil partnership: Aged 16+ years</td> <td>201 (0.14%)</td> <td>2,742 (0.19%)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Separated (but still legally married or still legally in a same-sex civil partnership): Aged 16+ years</td> <td>4,975 (3.5%)</td> <td>57,272 (3.8%)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Divorced or formerly in a same-sex civil partnership which is now legally dissolved</td> <td>7,704 (5.4%)</td> <td>91,128 (6.0%)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Widowed or surviving partner from a same-sex civil partnership: Aged 16+ years</td> <td>8,912 (6.3%)</td> <td>96,384 (6.4%)</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Census 2021</p>			Marital Status	Newry, Mourne and Down LGD	NI	All usual residents: Aged 16+ years	141,996	1,514,743	Single (never married or never registered a same-sex civil partnership) Aged 16+ years	52,128 (36.7%)	576,708 (38.1%)	Married: Aged 16+ years	68,076 (47.9%)	690,509 (45.6%)	In a registered same-sex civil partnership: Aged 16+ years	201 (0.14%)	2,742 (0.19%)	Separated (but still legally married or still legally in a same-sex civil partnership): Aged 16+ years	4,975 (3.5%)	57,272 (3.8%)	Divorced or formerly in a same-sex civil partnership which is now legally dissolved	7,704 (5.4%)	91,128 (6.0%)	Widowed or surviving partner from a same-sex civil partnership: Aged 16+ years	8,912 (6.3%)	96,384 (6.4%)
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Sexual orientation	<p>Analysis of the Census 2021 indicates that between 2% and 10% of the population may be lesbian, gay or bisexual.</p> <p>There are no official statistics in relation to the number of gay, lesbian or bisexual people in Northern Ireland. However, research conducted by the HM Treasury shows that between 5% - 7% of the UK population identify themselves as gay, lesbian, bisexual or 'trans' (transsexual, transgendered and transvestite) (LGBT). This is a sizeable proportion of the population here in Northern Ireland.</p>																										
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Dependants	<p>Persons with dependents may be people who have personal responsibility for the care of a child (or children), a person with a disability, and / or a dependent older person.</p> <p>According to the Census 2021, there are 68,396 households in Newry, Mourne and Down, 33.9% of which have dependent children. With regard to these figures, dependents are defined as those aged 0-15 years or those aged 16-18 years who are in full-time education and living with their parents or grandparents. Similar to the regional trend,</p>															

	<p>the proportion of households with dependents in the District has declined from 50% in 1981 to 33.9% in 2021.</p> <p>There are 5,639 lone parent households with dependent children in Newry, Mourne and Down which equates to just over 8% of number of total households in the District and is the fourth highest in Northern Ireland, after Belfast (17,292), Derry and Strabane (7,639) and Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon (6,556). Half of the parents in lone parent households in Newry, Mourne and Down are unemployed, almost a quarter are in full time employment and over a quarter are in part time employment. 93% of the parents in lone parent households in the District are female compared to 11% who are male.</p> <p>In 2019-21, the teenage birth rate (under 20 years old) was 6.5 per 1,000 mothers, which is the fourth highest in Northern Ireland after Belfast (11.4); Antrim & Newtownabbey (6.9) and Mid and East Antrim (6.8) but below the regional average of 6.8 per 1,000 births.</p>
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Needs, experiences and priorities

Taking into account the information referred to above, what are the different needs, experiences and priorities of each of the following categories, in relation to the particular policy/decision? Specify details for each of the Section 75 categories.

Section 75 Category	Details of needs/experiences/priorities
Religious belief	No specific needs, experiences and priorities for the Section 75 categories have been identified in relation to the Asbestos Management Policy.
Political opinion	
Racial group	
Age	
Marital status	
Sexual orientation	
Men and women generally	
Disability	

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Screening Questions

1. What is the likely impact on equality of opportunity for those affected by this policy, for each of the Section 75 grounds?

Section 75 category	Details of policy impact	Level of impact? Major/minor/none
Religious belief	No specific needs, experiences and priorities for the Section 75 categories have been identified in relation to the Asbestos Management Policy.	None
Political opinion		
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2. Are there opportunities to better promote equality of opportunity for people within the Section 75 equality categories?

Section 75 category	If Yes , provide details	If No , provide details
Religious belief		No No specific needs, experiences and priorities for the Section 75 categories have been identified in relation to the Asbestos Management Policy.
Political opinion		
Racial group		
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Men and women generally		
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Dependants		

3. To what extent is the policy likely to impact on good relations between people of different religious belief, political opinion or racial group?

Good relations category	Details of policy impact	Level of impact? Major/minor/none
Religious belief	No specific needs, experiences and priorities for the good relations categories have been identified in relation to the Asbestos Management Policy.	None
Political opinion		
Racial group		

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4. Are there opportunities to better promote good relations between people of different religious belief, political opinion or racial group?

Good relations category	If Yes , provide details	If No , provide details
Religious belief		No
Political opinion		
Racial group		

Additional considerations

Multiple identity

Generally speaking, people can fall into more than one Section 75 category. Taking this into consideration, are there any potential impacts of the policy/decision on people with multiple identities? (For example; disabled minority ethnic people; disabled women; young Protestant men; and young lesbians, gay and bisexual people).

None

Screening Decision

In light of your answers to the previous questions, do you feel that the policy should (please underline one):

1. **Not be subject to an EQIA (with no mitigating measures required)**
2. Not be subject to an EQIA (with mitigating measures /alternative policies)
3. Be subject to an EQIA

If 1. or 2. (i.e. not be subject to an EQIA), please provide details of the reasons why:

It is recommended the Asbestos Management Policy not be subject to an EQIA (with no mitigating measures required).

The reason for this decision is that no specific needs, experiences and priorities for the nine Section 75 categories have been identified in relation to the policy.

If 2. (i.e. not be subject to an EQIA), in what ways can identified adverse impacts attaching to the policy be mitigated or an alternative policy be introduced?

In light of these revisions, is there a need to re-screen the revised/alternative policy?
Yes / No. If No, please explain why

If 3. (i.e. to conduct an EQIA), please provide details of the reasons:

Timetabling and prioritising EQIA

If 3. is the policy affected by timetables established by other relevant public authorities? NO

If YES, please provide details:

Please answer the following questions to determine priority for timetabling the EQIA. On a scale of 1-3, with 1 being the lowest priority and 3 being the highest, assess the policy in terms of its priority for EQIA.

Priority criterion	Rating (1-3)
Effect on equality of opportunity and good relations	
Social need	
Effect on people's daily lives	
Relevance to a public authority's functions	

Note: The Total Rating Score should be used to prioritise the policy in rank order with other policies screened in for EQIA. This list of priorities will assist you in timetabling the EQIA. Details of your EQIA timetable should be included in the quarterly Section 75 report.

Proposed date for commencing EQIA: _____

Monitoring

Effective monitoring will help identify any future adverse impacts arising from the policy which may lead you to conduct an EQIA, as well as help with future planning and policy development.

Please detail proposed monitoring arrangements below:

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Approval and Authorisation

Screened by:	Position/Job Title	Date
Colin Moffett	Head of Corporate Policy	25/3/26
Approved by:		
Conor Sage	Assistant Director Sustainability	25/3/26

Note: The completed policy screening template, signed off by the appropriate policy lead within the Council, and approved by the senior manager responsible for the policy, should be forwarded to the Head of Corporate Policy who will arrange for it to be included in the Council's Quarterly Report on Screening and made available on the Council's website.