EQUALITY & DIVERISTY IMPACT ASSESSMENTS SERVICE PLANNING ACTION PLAN TEMPLATE

NAME OF SERVICE TO WHICH ACTION PLAN REFERS	Children & Family Services
	Children's Services
SERVICE PLAN OWNER	
SERVICE PLAN FOR THE PLAN PERIOD	2007/08
ACTION PLAN OWNER	

Action Ref	Related Impact Assessm ent Question	Description of Action	Action Owner	Action Due By	Action to be Taken
1.0	Q1.0	Welcome signage in reception areas to be available in many languages as well as British sign language or Makaton signs.	Mary Craven, Sue Coombe, Jan Jasicki etc		All Children and Family Services reception areas must ensure that this is in place
		 Ensure staff receive training on all diversity areas & raise awareness to other professionals, parents & carers 	Paul Barnard, Dave Crewe		Further training will be available from Trevor Gordon from September 07. Disability training to be arranged. Speaker on LBGT issues to make a presentation to the Team Diversity Links Group

 Ensure access to language service is promoted 	Reception Staff	All Children's Services Reception areas will promote Language Line.
Promote diversity with young people	All staff + Elena Thomas & Lynne Price	16+ training rooms running Diversity and Culture Group and articles in LACES and 16+ newsletters
 Establish professional links with other professionals across all diversity areas 	Head of Service	Multi Agency working and common assessment framework
Raise awareness of DDA issues – Children's Service Centre	Mary Craven / Jane Davidson	Disabled Parking places to be developed, level access to be provided to portacabin, push button doors to be provided for external and internal ground floor doors; wheelchair access to be provided to the playroom; fire exits to be ramped, hearing loop to be provided to the portacabin and training to be provided to reception staff in the use
 Develop links with LAC 16+ around transitions 	David Hands	of reception loop and Typetalk and Minicom.
DDA audit of all Children and Family Services	Head of Service	Ask Andy Cook to undertake audit.

2.0 Q2 (a)	buildings to include Children's Service Centre, Ryde office, St James Centre, 147 High Street, Treeside, LACES and Contact Centre • Ensure that Diversity needs are covered in LAC care plans. • Ensure that Diversity needs are covered in Child protection Plans. • Identify appropriate training for carers, social workers and Independent Reviewing Officers • The geographical location of some offices may be difficult for some service users to access.	Avril Osborn Service Managers Paul Barnard & Dave Crewe Head of Service	Reviewing Officers to check that needs relating to culture, faith, disability, sexuality and gender are addressed for LAC. Care plan must be modified to include ethnicity. Service Managers and Team Managers to ensure that areas relating to culture, faith, disability, sexuality and gender are addressed in plans. To ensure that people responsible for developing and delivering on care plans have an understanding of the diversity needs of individual children. As part of the service reorganisation of Children's Services the issue of office locations should be included in the deliberations.
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3.0	Q4.0	Diversity Group • Embed E&D into service	Team Managers Head of Service	Ongoing Ongoing	Team representatives to raise diversity issues at team meetings.
		Include E&D as a standing agenda item on DMT/Team meetings	Head of Service & Team Managers	Ongoing	Ensuring that all staff are aware of the importance of diversity issues.
		With lead LQD	Head of Service	Ongoing	?
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		Continue to make use of Reflective Practice and Supervision to promote E&D Head of ? Service & Service Managers
4.0	Q5.0	 Consultation – monitor and determine need through evaluation of data on LAC Ensure that ethnicity is recorded on SWIFT and relevant documentation
		 Continue to consult with service users in a variety of ways Independe nt service users in a variety of ways Continue to consult with service users in a variety of ways Continue to consult with service users in a variety of ways Continue to consult with nt service users in a variety of ways Continue to consult with service users in a variety of ways Annual Listening to Young People in Care Survey to include section on diversity. Encourage the use of Viewpoint before LAC reviews. Team Managers, Jane Davidson
5.0	Q6.0	 Identify more in-depth training for staff – beyond Garnett Continue to support staff attending corporate diversity training Continue to include diversity in team plans Identify more in-depth Barnard Barnard Team Managers Managers Managers and Team Managers

		Make use of corporate/service consultation opportunities Make use of Head of Service opportunities
6.0	Q7.0	Ensure lessons learnt from complaints Head of Service
7.0	Q9.0	 Ensure E&D embedded into every strategy, policy and practice Head of Service Manual
		 Develop good practice in sensitive data collection (e.g. sexuality) Service Managers & Barbara Milton Ensure that all staff are aware of the need of the need of sensitive data collection.