

Diversity impact assessment

TITLE <i>Name/description of the issue being assessed</i>	Gender Pay Gap Report 2020
DATE <i>Date the DIA is completed</i>	11 August 2020
LEAD OFFICER <i>Name of person responsible for carrying out the DIA.</i>	Samantha Beck-Farley Head of HR

1 Summary description of the proposed change

- *What is the change to policy/service/new project that is being proposed?*
- *How does it compare with the current situation?*

The Equality Act 2010 (Specific Duties and Public Authorities) Regulations 2017 requires all employers with more than 250 employees to report annually on their Gender Pay Gap.

The Regulations require Public Authorities to publish their data.

Qualifying employers are required to take an annual “snap shot” of their total payroll (for the Public Sector that has been set by the Regulations as 31 March), and report on a number of key metrics, they are:

- the mean and median hourly gender pay gap;
- the mean and median gender bonus gap;
- the proportion of men and women receiving a bonus; and
- the proportion of men and women in each of four pay quartile bands (as determined by the results from the individual reporting employer).

An executive summary of the findings is shown below:

- Male colleagues show a 9.93% higher mean hourly rate, however this is a decrease from 2020 of 2.33% (Data Set A1);
- Male colleagues show a 5.11% higher median hourly rate, however this is a decrease from 2020 of 6.87%;
- There is parity amongst male and female colleagues in the level of mean and median bonus pay;
- Of the total cohort of colleagues who received bonus pay, female

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colleagues made up 64% of that population;

- Female colleagues form the greater proportion of the two higher pay quartiles, whereby last year there were more females in all pay quartiles.

2 Summary of evidence used to support this assessment

- *Eg: Feedback from consultation, performance information, service user records etc.*
- *Eg: Comparison of service user profile with Medway Community Profile*

This is the third year of reporting and a comparison to the 2020 Report shows that the councils Gender Pay Gap has decreased.

Due to the timing of this report and the relaxing of publication the greater proportion of local authorities have not publish their respective 2020 data sets so a meaningful comparison is not yet available for 2020 or likely to be for 2021.

3 What is the likely impact of the proposed change?

Is it likely to :

- *Adversely impact on one or more of the protected characteristic groups?*
- *Advance equality of opportunity for one or more of the protected characteristic groups?*
- *Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who don't?*

(insert ✓ in one or more boxes)

Protected characteristic groups	Adverse impact	Advance equality	Foster good relations
Age			X
Disability			X
Gender reassignment			X

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Marriage/civil partnership			X
Pregnancy/maternity			X
Race			X
Religion/belief			X
Sex		X	X
Sexual orientation			X
Other (e.g. low income groups)			X

4 Summary of the likely impacts

- Who will be affected?
- How will they be affected?

The Gender Pay Gap reporting requirements will provide an annual snap shot to the Council of any trends where female colleagues are at a detriment with regards to pay, and will allow the Council to put into place corrective action as deemed necessary.

5 What actions can be taken to mitigate likely adverse impacts, improve equality of opportunity or foster good relations?

- Are there alternative providers?
- What alternative ways can the Council provide the service?
- Can demand for services be managed differently?

Not applicable

6 Action plan

- Actions to mitigate adverse impact, improve equality of opportunity or foster good relations and/or obtain new evidence

Action	Lead	Deadline or review date
Not applicable		

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7 Recommendation

The recommendation by the lead officer should be stated below. This may be:

- to proceed with the change implementing action plan if appropriate
- consider alternatives
- gather further evidence

If the recommendation is to proceed with the change and there are no actions that can be taken to mitigate likely adverse impact, it is important to state why.

Not applicable

8 Authorisation

The authorising officer is consenting that:

- the recommendation can be implemented
- sufficient evidence has been obtained and appropriate mitigation is planned
- the Action Plan will be incorporated into service plan and monitored

Head of HR

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Date

11 August 2020

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