

EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Pro – forma for the initial assessment

Station / Department: ORM	Section: Tech Services	Person responsible for the assessment: Karl Crocker	Date of Assessment: 15/12/2008
Name of the policy to be assessed: Standard Operating Procedure 1.10 Co Responding Activities		Is this a new or existing policy:	Existing
1. Briefly describe the aims, objectives and purpose of the policy.	The SOP examines the hazards, risks and control measures relating to service personnel attending Co-Responder incidents , and provides procedural guidance to enable operational personnel to perform their duties safely		
2. Are there any associated objectives of the policy? Please explain.	No		
3. Who is intended to benefit from the policy and in what way?	<p>Public – Improved Service Delivery</p> <p>Welsh Ambulance Service NHS Trust (WAST) – Improved attendance times at life critical incidents.</p> <p>Fire & Rescue Service – Building safer communities</p>		

N4. What outcomes are wanted from this policy?			
To ensure safe systems of work are in place for FRS personnel and members of the public.			
5. What factors/forces could contribute/detract from the outcomes?		Accuracy of information Currency of document Promulgation of information	
6. Who are the main stakeholders in relation to the policy?	MAWWFRS WAST	7. Who implements the policy and who is responsible for the policy?	MAWWFRS
8. Are there concerns that the policy <u>could</u> have a differential impact on racial groups?	¥	N	
What existing evidence (either presumed or otherwise) do you have for this?	The SOP is generic guidance. Co-responders mobilised to relevant incidents at the request of WAST. Patients dealt with effectively regardless of race.		
9. Are there any concerns that the policy <u>could</u> have a differential impact due to gender?	¥	N	
What existing evidence (either presumed or otherwise) do you have for this?	SOP is generic guidance. Co-responders mobilised to relevant incidents by WAST. Patients dealt with effectively regardless of gender.		
10. Are there concerns that the policy <u>could</u> have a differential impact due to disability?	¥	N	

<p>What existing evidence (either presumed or otherwise) do you have for this?</p>	<p>SOP is generic guidance. Patients dealt with regardless of disability. All FRS Co-responders meet current medical standards expected of operational firefighters.</p>		
<p>11. Are there concerns that the policy <u>could</u> have a differential impact on people due to sexual orientation?</p>	<p>Y</p>	<p>N</p>	
<p>What existing evidence (either presumed or otherwise) do you have for this?</p>	<p>All patients dealt with regardless of sexual orientation. To date there is no evidence that this procedural guidance has had a negative impact on any employees or members of the public</p>		
<p>12. Are there concerns that the policy <u>could</u> have a differential impact due to their age?</p>	<p>Y</p>	<p>N</p>	
<p>What existing evidence (either presumed or otherwise) do you have for this?</p>	<p>No differentiation on MAWWFRS due to age. Patients dealt with regardless of age. To date there is no evidence that this procedural guidance has had a negative impact on any employees or members of the public</p>		
<p>13. Are there concerns that the policy <u>could</u> have a differential impact on people due to their religious belief?</p>	<p>Y</p>	<p>N</p>	
<p>What existing evidence (either presumed or otherwise) do you have for this?</p>	<p>Patients dealt with regardless of religious belief. All personnel are made aware of the potential conflicts which may arise due to religious beliefs To date there is no evidence that this procedural guidance has had a negative impact on any employees or members of the public</p>		

