

CRWIA Stage 1

Screening - key questions

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1. Name the policy, and describe its overall aims.

Heart Disease Action Plan - Heart disease continues to have a significant impact on people in Scotland. In addition, the Covid-19 pandemic has highlighted challenges and changed models of care across the entire health care system and this is an appropriate point to take stock and refresh our actions on heart disease.

The plan sets out a whole system approach, which encompasses primary, secondary and specialist care, community care and third sector services. It seeks to take a 'Once for Scotland' approach to driving forward improvement and implementing new models of care to ensure that we minimise preventable heart disease and ensure equitable access to diagnosis, treatment and care for people with heart disease in Scotland.

2. What aspects of the policy/measure will affect children and young people up to the age of 18?

The Articles of the UNCRC and the child wellbeing indicators under the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 apply to all children and young people up to the age of 18, including non-citizen and undocumented children and young people.

The focus of the Heart Disease Action Plan is on services for adults with cardiac disease. The delivery of paediatric cardiology and congenital heart disease services (both adult and paediatric) is a Nationally Designated Service, commissioned by National Services Scotland. Therefore actions with regards to children's services are outside the scope of this plan. Standards for paediatric services for congenital heart disease have been published, and guide actions in this area. Scottish Government are working collaboratively to ensure alignment across adult and children and young people's cardiac services by sharing the priorities and actions outlined in this plan.

Where some teenagers or young adults are treated in adult cardiac services, this plan will cover those services and we will work collaboratively with NSS to support seamless transitions of care.

3. What likely impact – direct or indirect – will the policy/measure have on children and young people?

'Direct' impact refers to policies/measures where children and young people are directly affected by the proposed changes, e.g. in early years, education, child protection or looked after children (children in care). 'Indirect' impact refers to policies/measures that are not directly aimed at children but will have an impact on them. Examples include: welfare reforms, parental leave, housing supply, or local transport schemes.

Children and young people's cardiac services are not within the scope of this plan and therefore, there should be no direct impact on them.

Where some teenagers or young people are treated within adult cardiac services then, this plan may have an impact on them though we will work closely with NSS to support seamless transitions of care.

4. Which groups of children and young people will be affected?

Under the UNCRC, 'children' can refer to: individual children, groups of children, or children in general. Some groups of children will relate to the groups with protected characteristics under the Equality Act 2010: disability, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation. 'Groups' can also refer to children by age band or setting, or those who are eligible for special protection or assistance: e.g. preschool children, children in hospital, children in rural areas, looked after children, young people who offend, victims of abuse or exploitation, child migrants, or children living in poverty.

The Heart Disease Action Plan does not address children's services and therefore should not affect groups of children or young people. There may be a small number of teenagers or young people who require access to adult cardiac services. This plan seeks to improve the delivery of cardiac care across Scotland, so this impact on the small numbers of young people affected should be positive.

5. Will this require a CRWIA?

Explain your reasons.

No. The Heart Disease Action Plan is focussed on adult cardiac services, with children's cardiology services coming under the remit of National Services Scotland.

CRWIA Declaration

CRWIA required

CRWIA not required

I declare that a CRWIA is not required for the Heart Disease Action Plan.

Authorisation

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