

Southeast Mobility & Rehabilitation Technology (SMART) Services Equality and Children's Rights Impact Assessment (ECRIA)

Workshop: 10.30 am to 12 noon, Thursday 8th May
SMART Centre, Astley Ainslie Hospital, Edinburgh

This leaflet is intended to provide potential participants with background information on the further coming workshop designed to gather information in relation to the potential changes to the remit of, and provision of equipment by, both the Prosthetic Service and the Wheelchair & Seating Service. Both these services are part of the SMART Services (<https://www.smart.scot.nhs.uk/>), operating mainly out of the SMART Centre, Astley Ainslie Hospital, Edinburgh, and provided by NHS Lothian. The services are also provided to people living within the areas cover by NHS Borders and NHS Fife. More detailed information will be sent to confirmed attendees prior to the workshop.

What is an ECRIA?

An Equality and Children's Rights Impact Assessment (ECRIA) is the way that NHS Lothian gathers information and evidence to be used when making decisions that will result in changes to services that could negatively impact on protected groups or children's rights. This is a requirement of the Equality Act 2010 and The Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014.

Who should attend?

We are looking for participants from, or can represent, one or more of the following:

- People with amputations, limb absences or limb difference who use a prostheses (artificial limb),
- People with an impairment (disability) that means they need to use a wheelchair to mobilise,
- Paid and unpaid carers of the above, and
- Healthcare professionals who refer to these services and/or support people who rely of these services.

Numbers are limited and places will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis, whilst also ensuring we have input from all the groups that might be impacted.

What will happened at the workshop?

At the workshop, participants will be provided with background information as well as explanation of the format of the workshop. It is not necessary for participants to prepare beforehand but by reading the information provided prior to the workshop it may help them to think about the possible impacts of the potential changes on themselves or others and so ensure as much evidence as possible is gathered at the workshop.

Participants will be divided into small groups with support from a member of staff who will be able to answer questions and make a record of their comments and impact any of the potential changes.

Refreshments and facilities

Hot drinks, water and biscuits will be available at the start and throughout the workshop. Participants will be free to take a break at any point.

There are disabled toilets and a Changing Places toilet available in the reception of the SMART Centre. The workshop will take place in the main room of the Disabled Living Centre which is on the ground floor adjacent to the reception and fully wheelchair accessible.

An access guide is available on the SMART Services website at (<https://www.smart.scot.nhs.uk/>).

Travel and other expenses

We regret that we are not able to reimburse anyone for the any costs that they might incur by attending the event.

Outcome

The information gathered will be reviewed and used as part of the evidence that will be summarised in the final report. Other evidence will be gathered from service staff, data (including population and patient demographics) held by the services, and any available published reports and survey data by relevant organisations including those in the third sector and professional groups.

A copy of the final report will be shared with attendees if they indicate that they would like a copy. If a decision is made to proceed with changing the remit or range of equipment provided by either service, then the report will also be published on the NHS Lothian's website at <https://org.nhslothian.scot/equality-human-rights/impact-assessments/>. As both services also cover NHS Borders and NHS Fife, the report may also be published on their websites.

What to do if you wish to attend?

If you have received this via an email, please respond directly. Alternatively please email us at loth.smartfeedback@nhs.scot. Alternatively you can call the SMART Centre Reception and leave your contact details (0131 537 9177, Option 9).

The closing date for expressions of interest is **Thursday 24th April**. This is to ensure that we have enough time to allocate places and notify potential participants and provided them with additional details.

How to contribute if you are unable to attend?

If you would like to contribute but cannot attend the workshop, please let us know (as above) and we will send you further details so that you can submit your views about any potential impacts and any mitigating actions in writing.