

## Equality and Human Rights Impact Assessment Publication Document

This template summarises the key decisions/actions taken in the EHRIA, and has been separated from the full EHRIA document for publication on the SPS external website in compliance with statutory requirements.

Background	
Title of the	Staff Surplus Management Policy
Policy	
EHRIA Lead	Head of HR Central Services
Person	
Date EHRIA	28/02/16
completed	
Review date	28/02/16
and frequency	
Is this a new or	New
revised	
policy/practice?	Revised ⊠

Scoping	
What are the aims of this policy/practice?	To have in place a clear policy enabling the recording and management of individual staff surplus situations, in addition to large scale staff surpluses.
	The policy will contain a process to manage these situations in a fair, reasonable and effective manner.
	It will aim for identified individuals to be accommodated in reasonable alternative roles within agreed timescales.
WHO did you consult with?	<ul> <li>Trade Union Side</li> <li>Prison Governors' Association</li> <li>HR Business Partners</li> <li>HR Officers</li> </ul>
WHAT did you learn?	Currently, the process in place for recording individual cases of staff surplus is outdated and is no longer effective. This can result in members of staff deemed to be surplus who would not have appropriate opportunities to apply for suitable alternative roles within reasonable timescales. HR Teams are best placed to manage individual surplus cases, utilising the Jobs Match process.
HOW will this shape your policy/practice?	HR Teams would be in a position to apply local knowledge in the identification, recording and

Scoping	
What quantitative and/or qualitative evidence as well as case law relating to equality and human rights have you considered when deciding to develop new or revise current policy/practice?	management of individuals deemed to be in a surplus situation. The Jobs Match process will enable clear and consistent practise in the management of individuals, aiming to accommodate them in reasonable alternative roles within reasonable timescales.  SPS Employment Protection Policy 2013 Existing SPS Staff Surplus Management Policy Human Rights Act 1998 Equality Act 2010 Role of the Workforce, Planning and Monitoring Group Role of Staff Resourcing Group

## Impact Will the impact and outcomes of the new/revised policy/practice: Contribute to eliminating POSITIVE: discrimination, harassment and It will contribute to eliminating discrimination, victimisation? harassment, victimisation E.g. Raise awareness of our SPS NO EFFECT: vision and values for equality and It will have no effect on discrimination, harassment diversity and victimisation Challenge appropriately any **NEGATIVE:** behaviours or procedures which It will make discrimination, harassment and do not value diversity and victimisation worse advance equality of opportunity Advance equality of opportunity **POSITIVE:** between those who share a protected It will advance equality of opportunity ⊠ characteristic and those who do not? NO EFFECT: E.g. It will have no effect on equality of opportunity $\square$ Remove or minimise disadvantage Meet the needs of equality groups **NEGATIVE:** that are different from the needs of It will reduce equality of opportunity others, encourage participation in public life POSITIVE: Foster good relations between those who share a protected It will foster good relations ⊠ characteristic and those who do NO EFFECT: not? E.g. It will have no effect on good relations $\square$ Tackle prejudice

Impact Will the impact and outcomes of the new/revised policy/practice:			
<ul> <li>Promote understanding</li> </ul>	NEGATIVE:		
	It will cause good relations to deteriorate $\square$		
Ensure Human Rights Compliance?	It will uphold human rights articles. ⊠		
	It will breach human rights articles. □		

Please summarise the results of the Equality & Human Rights Impact Assessment, including the likely impact of the proposed policy/practice advancing equality and human rights.

Positive I	mpacts
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Protected characteristics affected: Age, Race, Sex, Disability, Gender Identity, Religion or Belief, Sexual orientation, Maternity and Pregnancy, Marriage and civil partnership, Socioeconomic groups, Human rights compliance.

Within the revised policy, there will be a process in place with clear roles and responsibilities outlined for HR Teams and individuals deemed as in a surplus situation. The 'Jobs Match' process will enable recording and management of individual cases of staff surplus, in addition to large-scale staff surplus management. This will enable all staff identified as being in a surplus situation to have the opportunity, in a timeous manner, to be considered for alternative suitable roles when vacancies occur across the organisation.

The likely impact of the revision to the Staff Surplus Management Policy is the equality of opportunity for all staff identified as being in a surplus situation to have access to apply for vacant posts within SPS prior to trawling across the organisation.

Negative Impacts		
Protected characteristics affected:		
Impact	Mitigation	
None identified		

Recommended course of action	
<b>Outcome 1</b> : Proceed – no potential for unlawful discrimination or adverse impact or breach of human rights articles has been identified.	$\boxtimes$
Outcome 2: Proceed with adjustments to remove barriers identified for discrimination, advancement of equality of opportunity and fostering good relations or breach of human rights articles.	
<b>Outcome 3</b> : Continue despite having identified some potential for adverse impact or missed opportunity to advance equality and human rights (justification to be clearly set out).	
<b>Outcome 4</b> : Stop and rethink as actual or potential unlawful discrimination or breach of human rights articles has been identified.	

## Summary of Outcome decision and Recommendations

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## Next steps

Monitor the revised policy and review the EHRIA in 12 months' time, ensuring this is highlighted in the Project Tracker.

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