Equality Impact Assessment

| Document: | Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy |
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| Executive Summary: | The policy sets out the College's commitment to provide a learning environment that embraces diversity and provides equality of opportunity. The College will ensure that it meets duties set out in the Equality Act 2010. It will be inclusive and supportive of all groups with protected characteristics and to those other groups, such as looked after children and carers, |
| | who can experience additional barriers to applying attending and having a positive outcome from college |

By law we must meet the requirements of the Equality Act 2010 including the Public Sector Equality Duty. Please give due regard to the following when completing an EIA;

- 1: Does the policy/practice eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation?
- 2: Does the policy/practice promote equality of opportunity?
- 3: Does the policy/practice promote good relations?

| Protected Characteristic | Commentary For each protected characteristic provide a commentary of impact. If a negative impact occurs, consider the following; 1. Change the policy so impact is no longer negative 2. Justify why it has to be done e.g. health and safety legislation 3. Consider how you are going to mitigate the impact |
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| Age Someone belonging to a particular age, or range of ages | No negative impacts identified for this characteristic. The Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy has a positive impact across all protected characteristic groups. |
| Care Experienced Someone who has been or is currently in care or from a looked- after background at any stage in their life. This includes adopted children who were previous looked-after. | No negative impacts identified for this characteristic. The Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy has a positive impact across all protected characteristic groups. |

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| Marriage/Civil | No negative impacts identified for this characteristic. The | | |
| Partnership | Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy has a positive | | |
| Married couples and | impact across all protected characteristic groups. | | |
| civil partnership | | | |
| should be treated the | | | |
| same on a wide range | | | |
| of matters | | | |
| Race | No negative impacts identified for this characteristic. The | | |
| Refers to a group of | Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy has a positive | | |
| people defined by | impact across all protected characteristic groups. | | |
| their race, colour and | | | |
| nationality (including | | | |
| citizenship) ethnic or | | | |
| national origins | | | |
| Sexual Orientation | No negative impacts identified for this characteristic. The | | |
| A persons sexual | Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy has a positive | | |
| and/or romantic | impact across all protected characteristic groups. | | |
| attraction to other | | | |
| people, or lack thereof | | | |
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| Disability | No pagative impacts identified for this sharesteristic. The | | |
| Disability | No negative impacts identified for this characteristic. The | | |
| A physical or mental | Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy has a positive | | |
| impairment which has | impact across all protected characteristic groups. | | |
| a substantial and | | | |
| long-term adverse effective on a | | | |
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| person's ability to | | | |
| carry out normal day- | | | |
| to-day activities | No pagetive impacts identified for this characteristic. The | | |
| Gender identity/ | No negative impacts identified for this characteristic. The | | |
| reassignment | Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy has a positive | | |
| The process of | impact across all protected characteristic groups. | | |
| transitioning from one | | | |
| gender to another | | | |
| (can include changing | | | |
| names, pronouns, | | | |
| dressing differently, medical intervention | | | |
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| and living in their self- | | | |
| identified gender) | No pagative impacts identified for this characteristic. The | | |
| Pregnancy/maternity | No negative impacts identified for this characteristic. The | | |
| Refers to being | Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy has a positive | | |
| pregnant and the | impact across all protected characteristic groups. | | |
| period after birth | | | |
| (linked to maternity | | | |
| leave in the | | | |
| employment context) | | | |

| Religion or Belief Religious and philosophical beliefs, including lack of belief (atheism) | No negative impacts identified for this characteristic. The Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy has a positive impact across all protected characteristic groups. | |
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| Sex Gender assigned at birth | No negative impacts identified for this characteristic. The Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy has a positive impact across all protected characteristic groups. | |
| Student Carer Providing unpaid care to a family member or friend who could not cope without their support. | No negative impacts identified for this characteristic The Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy has a positive impact across all protected characteristic groups. | |
| Employment or Trade Union Membership Past Criminal | No negative impacts identified for this characteristic. The Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy has a positive impact across all protected characteristic groups. No negative impacts identified for this characteristic. The | |
| Convictions | Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy has a positive impact across all protected characteristic groups. | |
| Poverty or Deprivation | No negative impacts identified for this characteristic. The Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy has a positive impact across all protected characteristic groups. | |

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