

Equality impact assessment

In our consultation we outlined our equality duties and how we considered the equality impact at every stage of our consultation development. We recognise our proposed approach means an integrated care board has reduced money available to achieve its objectives, including tackling health inequalities. In our consultation we outlined our considerations for the 'do-nothing' option, where we don't assess integrated care systems, and why we proceeded with our proposed approach.

We next summarise respondent views along with our considered response. In the annex we provide a more detailed summary of responses for each question.

Respondents highlighted the impact of an integrated care system having reduced money available to achieve its objectives, including tackling health inequalities. Some respondents noted how subsequent health care delivery will have an impact on equalities. Some respondents highlighted specific examples of equalities care which they expect should exist in the health and social care system.

Our response: Respondents did not raise any additional equality impact considerations of our proposed approach. We therefore finalise our equality impact assessment for our intended approach to recover regulatory costs for assessing integrated care systems. For specific cases of equalities impact for patient care we clarify that all statutory bodies must comply with public sector equality duty and equalities legislation.