

Stage 2 Equality Analysis - Yeovil CCTV Enhancement

Impact	Low Impact	Lead Officer	Steve Brewer
Date of EqA	16/7/14	EqA Review Date	31/1/15
Why are you completing the equality analysis?			
Budget/ financial decision			
What are the main purposes of the policy, strategy or service area?			
To gain support, authorisation and funding to be able to proceed with the Yeovil CCTV enhancement, giving coverage of the two pedestrian subways at the Hospital Roundabout in Yeovil.			
Evidence			
<p>It has been identified for some time that the two underpasses serving the Hospital Roundabout have been targeted for crime and antisocial behaviour. Most apparent is the continuing antisocial behaviour in the form of damage and graffiti that appears on a regular basis for all to see. More worrying is the regularity of petty crime and more serious assaults. The most recent notable case was reported in February this year of an aggravated sexual assault which was well publicised.</p> <p>There is now some evidence that people are diverting from the route through the underpasses and avoiding the connecting unlit walkway between them. It is apparent that there are people crossing the main A30 road both day and night but this is especially notable after dark.</p>			
Effect on Protected Characteristics			
<p>Crime, anti-social behaviour and fear of crime do not necessarily affect people equally. People of different race, faith, age, sexual orientation, gender, and disability may have different experiences and may have increased risks of being a victim of crime.</p> <p>Over the years there have been many incidents taking place in the pedestrian subways under the Hospital roundabout. This area is a blind spot for the existing cameras. A notable incident was reported in February 2014 of an aggravated sexual assault. There is concern for particular vulnerable groups with the increased use of people crossing the main A30 road both day and night.</p> <p>The following groups are more likely to feel unsafe outside, at night and less likely to report incidences including low level harassment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Older people are less likely than younger people. • BME communities • Faith groups • Disabled people are less likely than those without disabilities • Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender • Women less likely than men. Males and females can both experience levels of violent crime but the nature of the violence they experience can be very 			

different. The majority of violent crime experienced by males is likely to be as a result of stranger violence linked to excessive drinking in pubs and clubs. Young men between the ages of 18 and 24 are the most at risk of violent crime.

National and local evidence highlights the under reporting of antisocial behaviour and incidents of hate crime by vulnerable members of the community.

Supporting Documentation/Links

Yeovil CCTV DRAFT V3 12 July 2014.doc
 CCTV.pptx
 DX Report CCTV.doc
 Project_Brief_CCTV 2014 July.doc

Conclusion	Date	Comments
No major change - no adverse equality impact identified	16/7/14	The updated improvement to the CCTV will help protect all users in that area.

Please comment/explain how you will meet the General Equality Duty (GED)?

Due to the location, being the main walk way to and from the Hospital and College, many individuals with protected characteristics make use of the subways, for example Hospital staff may need to use the subway at various times throughout the day and night.

CCTV captures evidence of suspicious activity, anti-social behaviour and criminal activity in the public domain, so could potentially help prevent further incidents and would make the subways feel safer for users, as well as providing evidence for Police to investigate incidents. It is hoped that the implementation of CCTV cameras will improve public confidence, reduce fear of crime and create safer communities.

Lead Officer Sign Off	Steve Brewer	Date	21/7/14
Equalities Officer Approval Comments	The installation of CCTV cameras will be of positive benefit to the community as a whole.	Status	Approved