

The Route to Health Improvement

Notable Practice Case Study

This practice relates to one (or more) of the below key features :				
Corporate Culture	Policy Development X	Collaboration	Capacity Building	Governance

Integrated Impact Assessment Tool – Quality of Life checklist

Background & Context:

The Corporate & Improvement Plan (2005-06) made a commitment to introduce an integrated impact assessment tool to support the authority to assess the impact of policies, strategies and projects upon health, sustainability, equality and the Welsh language in Pembrokeshire.

Description & Characteristics:

The Quality of Life (QLC) is a simple, time efficient, supportive tool intended to be used at the 'first draft' stage of policy/ strategy development. Used effectively, it will ensure that the authority meets its legislative requirements whilst broadening thinking and highlighting areas where positive benefits would result from considering:

- How services and actions affect people's health & well-being
- Whether they are provided in a sustainable way
- The importance of equality in the provision of services
- Opportunities to deal with customers in a language of their choice.

Why was/is this initiative/approach successful?

The initiative is successful because:

- The tool is time efficient, taking a maximum of 2 hours to complete.
- Allows consistent, evidence and knowledge-based, planning and decision making across the authority
- Effective use of the tool will lower corporate risk and support the authority to avoid costly mistakes
- The checklist has been structured under the 5 priorities of the Community Plan and will reinforce the links between the Community Plan and service delivery.

Measures of Success:

One of the significant outcomes was the improvement in the attitude towards the concept of impact assessment. Of the people who took part in the initial pilot projects 50% felt more comfortable with the concept of carrying out impact assessment once they had used the tool.

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