

Introduction to the Health Inequalities and Wellbeing Impact Assessment (HIWIA) and Screening Toolkit

This HIWIA Toolkit adapted from the MWIA toolkit is to be used as a 'stand-alone' process for making an initial assessment of a proposal.

The aims of the toolkit are to:

- Raise awareness and understanding of mental well-being
- Enable a range of stakeholders to begin to identify the impact a particular policy, service,
- programme or project may be having on mental well-being
- Encourage stakeholders to explore ways to maximise potential positive impacts and
- minimise potential negative ones
- Enable stakeholders to explore and develop local indicators to monitor and evaluate
- progress on promoting mental well-being.

The toolkit is divided into 6 sections each of which gives information on how to get the best from the screening process and develop an action plan based on your findings, in order to refine your project to prioritise health inequalities and/or to reduce potential negative impacts.

1. Section 1 - Screening – Initial assessment and helping you decide if you need to do a further Impact Assessment
2. Section 2 - Population Characteristics
3. Section 3 - The wider determinants and protective factors that have a particular impact on health inequalities, mental health and wellbeing
4. Section 4 – The 'Health Inequalities National Support Team' HINST Christmas Tree Model: Commissioning for Best Outcomes
5. Section 5 - Scale of Impact and Population
6. Section 6 - Creating an Action Plan

The toolkit is available in word format to allow you to download and complete the forms included within it as required.

For further support, advice or information

about targeting or re-designing proposals to reduce health inequalities, please contact the Kent Health Inequalities Group. There should be a key contact representing your locality who could assist further. For more information please contact Deborah.Smith@kent.gov.uk