Equality Impact Assessment of A guide to synthesising qualitative research
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Section 1: Ownership and background

1.1 Title A guide to synthesising qualitative research

1.2 Start date March 2010

1.3 Publication date: December 2010

1.4 Owner Karen Ritchie

1.5 Directorate/unit/committee/group: HSRE

1.6 Related Programme of work: n/a

1.7 Type of work being assessed: Output

Section 2: Involvement and impact

2.1 Aims of the output : To provide a guide to those producing and using HTAs on the methods used to synthesis qualitative research.

2.2 Stakeholders: Producers and users of qualitative research syntheses.

2.3 Evidence of potential impact (from existing NHS QIS documentation, research, consultation or literature search):
None.

2.4 Areas where evidence is unavailable or unclear:
Not applicable as stakeholders are professionals delivering and developing advice for healthcare service providers.

Section 3: Checklist

3.1

We have checked the following protected characteristics, as a legal obligation:	Positive Impact identified	Negative impact identified	Additional information
Age	no	no	
Disability	no	no	
Gender	no	no	
Gender Reassignment	no	no	
Pregnancy or Maternity	no	no	
Race	no	no	
Religion or Belief	no	no	
Sexual Orientation	no	no	
In accordance with NHS QIS policy we have also checked the following characteristics:			
Criminal Justice	no	no	
Homelessness	no	no	
Language or social origin	no	no	
Marriage or Civil Partnership	no	no	
Mental Health	no	no	
Poverty	no	no	

3.2 **This output promotes or improves equality by** Not applicable as any exclusion issues would be picked up at other stages of the evidence development process, for example ethical review of primary studies.

3.3 **A full Equality Impact Assessment is not required.**
This has been agreed because no negative impacts have been identified.

3.4 **Assessors:** Alan Bigham, Karen Ritchie, Doreen Pedlar
Date of assessment: 23 December 2010

3.5 **Quality Assurance (E&D Officer):** Jeniffer Kibagendi

Date of Quality Assurance: 1 April 2011