Equality Gap Analysis

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Background

Work to date

- Recent unsuccessful exercise to appoint a Board Equality Adviser
- Request to undertake a gap analysis of the Diversity and Inclusion work for our organisation, utilising in house expertise to address the known gaps.
- Work spans several Directorates, namely People & OD, Health Knowledge and Research, Quality Nursing and Allied Health Professionals and Health Protection and Screening Services.

Areas to focus on

Workforce

Network Engagement Data and Service User Monitoring

Monitoring Outcomes Engaging with communities where there is low uptake of services

Two Phases

Spanning 2021 – 2023

Phase 1: Short term actions which can be implemented between October 2021 – March 2022, and preparatory work to get the infrastructure in place for Phase 2.

Phase 2: Longer term areas which will require consultation and consideration, before being agreed by the Business Executive Team (BET) as an organisational direction of travel.

Phase one

- Diversity and Inclusion training for all staff Band 8a and above (approx. 390 staff)
- Review of recruitment process to identify points where different groups are not progressing through to shortlisting and interview stages and identified actions to address them
- Introduce work placements via Kickstart Scheme primarily aimed at underrepresented groups
- Overarching Data Collection Strategy
- Screening department to scope out existing barriers to service user diversity monitoring and formulate an action plan
- Implementation of Civica system for engaging with communities and capturing feedback



Phase Two

2022-2023

- Roll out D&I Training to next tier of Managers (Bands 5-7)
- Further promote and monitor uptake of Skills Boosters training package recently implemented
- Introduce Apprenticeships with agreed targets around underrepresented groups
- Work with Universities and others in the talent pipeline to further understand barriers to applying for PHW vacancies
- Further embed Civica system and identify KPIs
- Implement actions around data collection from strategy



Other considerations

- Non recurring budget available for 2021-22 only. Additional work will require a successful Investment Bid in 2022
- Socio-economic Duty came in to force on 1 April 2021
- Resources and capacity
- Consultation and development of new Strategic Equality Plan (SEP) starts Summer 2023



Questions?

