3. Rapid Impact Assessment summary report

Each of the numbered sections below must be completed

1. **Title of plan, policy or strategy being assessed.**
   Carefree Kids Health Improvement Fund Action Plan 2012-2015

2. **What will change as a result of this proposal?**
   As the result of this targeted health improvement project, East Lothian parents and carers with an identified need can access free home safety equipment, a toy loaning service and advice and information around home safety. The overall aim is to raise awareness and reduce the risk of accidents in the home or garden environment for children under the age of five.

   No significant change was identified in the delivery of the Carefree Kids service, which has been operating for a number of years, other than strengthening the equalities monitoring and evaluation process for this current funding period. These actions have already been captured in the 2012-15 action plan.

3. **Briefly describe public involvement in this proposal**
   The project is a well established local service that is responsive to identified need. Carefree Kids members / clients have the opportunity to evaluate different aspects of the service.

4. **Date of RIA**
   27th June 2012

5. **Who was present at the RIA? Identify facilitator and any partnership representative present**

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<th>Job Title</th>
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6. Population groups considered
The proposal will predominately affect families with young children and professionals that refer to the service.

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<td>Positive impact to families to offer safety equipment and toys that otherwise they might not have</td>
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<td>Through the toy lending service, availability of age appropriate toys may have a positive impact on child development in the early years which is an important precursor to aid physical activity</td>
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<td>Positive impact on risk taking behaviour as provision of safety equipment, allows children to play, learn and develop in a safer home and garden environment</td>
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<td>Potential positive impact on substance use, as Carefree Kids are currently considering expanding their stock to include lockable medicine boxes. In other areas in Lothian</td>
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these are used for families affected by substance misuse.

Carefree Kids provide individualised advice & information, Group Home Safety talks, First Aid training and raise awareness of issues during Child Safety week to parents, carers and staff which will have a positive impact on education, learning and skills.

**Social Environment**
Positive impact on families as they are provided with equipment free of charge, which may help the families feel they have some control over dangers in the home environment. This may help family/parental stress in relation to this particular issue.

**Physical Environment**
Positive impact in relation to creating a safer environment in the home and garden in turn reducing accidental injury in younger children.

**Access to and quality of services**
Neutral Impact

| 8. What negative impacts were identified and which groups will they affect? |
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| **Impacts** | **Affected populations** |
| None identified | |

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<th>11. What communications needs were identified? How will they be addressed?</th>
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<td>• Carefree Kids have responded to changing nature of communication and clients needs by setting up a Facebook page which is well used by clients and staff. Text messaging has also proved effective with clients e.g. to text confirmation of delivery dates. They have recently expanded into Twitter but are still establishing this as a means of communication.</td>
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Carefree Kids is a well-established organisation that is known to relevant referring agencies. These partners are kept informed of any changes to the service or recent development as and when required.

Progress with Carefree Kids Action Plan will be reported quarterly to the NHS Lothian HIF Management Group through the Link Officer.

12. Recommendations
No formal recommendations.

13. Specific to this RIA only, what actions have been, or will be, undertaken and by when? Please complete:

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14. How will you monitor how this policy, plan or strategy affects different groups?
Carefree Kids will provide quarterly progress reports to their identified HIF link officer

15. Who will be consulted about the findings of this impact assessment?
   - Staff involved in the RIA
   - HIF Management Group

16. Has a full EQIA process been recommended? If not, why not?
   Not necessary

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Date: 2nd July 2012

Please send a completed copy of the summary report to:

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Note that you will be contacted by a member of NHS Lothian’s impact assessment group for quality control and/or monitoring purpose.