

Scoping in HIA

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Scoping: what is it?

Scoping sets the foundation or blueprint for the HIA, covering:

- **The parameters of the assessment**
- **The management arrangements for the HIA**

Scoping: why do it?

Scoping is important for:

- **Governance and accountability of the HIA**
- **Scientific rigour and conduct of the HIA**
- **Management of the HIA**

Scoping: when is it done?

After screening, if it has been decided to go ahead with an HIA

Scoping: drafting – who does it?

When introducing HIA

- **Officers in the organisation**

As you gain experience in HIA and/or work in partnership

- **Officers from other organisations may also be involved**

Scoping: agreeing the scope – who does it?

- **Steering Group for the HIA**
- **One or more officers support the Steering Group – those who screened the proposal, and those who will conduct the appraisal**

Scoping: how is it done?

- Use a checklist
- Draft the scope
- Amend the draft and agree the scope

Scoping: what is it important to cover?

Governance and accountability issues

- Roles and responsibilities of the Steering Group
- Decision-making forum for the HIA results
- Ways of communicating the HIA results to stakeholders and others

Scoping: what is it important to cover?

Scientific rigour and conduct of the HIA

- Proposal analysis
- Aims and objectives of the HIA
- Values for the HIA
- Geographical area covered
- Community affected, including vulnerable groups
- Stakeholders for the HIA, and the nature of their involvement
- Methods of appraisal
- Information needed, e.g. research information and local data
- Potential health impacts of concern

Scoping: what is it important to cover?

Management of the HIA

- Work programme for the HIA
- Roles and responsibilities of officers involved in the assessment
- Arrangements for reporting to the Steering Group and decision-makers for the proposal
- Timescale for the HIA
- Resources needed for the HIA

What are the advantages of scoping?

- **It provides a blueprint for everyone involved in the HIA to follow**
- **It increases the likelihood of undertaking the HIA successfully in terms of the outputs required**
- **It provides a framework for the scrutiny of the HIA**
- **It provides a basis for governance and accountability for the HIA**