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HEALTHBRIDGE OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH EQUALITY, DIVERSITY & INCLUSION (EDI) POLICY

1. OUR COMMITMENT

HealthBridge actively champions equity, belonging, and anti-discrimination across:

- **-Service delivery**: Accessible OH assessments, inclusive communications
- **-Workplace culture**: Bias-free recruitment, psychological safety
- -Stakeholder partnerships: Supplier diversity targets

Guided by:

- -Equality Act 2010
- -WHO Healthy Workplace Framework
- -NHS Workforce Race Equality Standard
- **-ISO 30415** (Global HR diversity standards see definition below)

What is ISO 30415?

ISO 30415 is the international standard for **Diversity & Inclusion in HR**. It requires:

- -Measurable D&I objectives (e.g., pay gap reductions)
- -Inclusive leadership training
- -Regular impact assessments

2. PROTECTED CHARACTERISTICS & BEYOND

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Legal (Equality Act 2010)	Expanded Protections
Age, Disability	Neurodiversity, Lived Experience
Gender Reassignment	Mental Health Conditions
Marriage/Civil Partnership	Caregiver Status
Pregnancy/Maternity	Body Size, Appearance
Race, Religion/Belief	Socioeconomic Background
Sex, Sexual Orientation	Non-binary Gender Identities

3. ACCOUNTABILITY FRAMEWORK

3.1 LEADERSHIP

-EDI Lead: Board-level role with quarterly diversity reporting

-Annual Audit: Workforce/service user metrics (anonymized) against:

~ISO 30415 targets

~NHS Workforce Race Equality Standard

3.2 STAFF RESPONSIBILITIES

-Mandatory Training:

~Unconscious bias (1 hour/year)

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~Cultural competency (1 hour/year)

-Call-Out Culture: Anonymous reporting tool for microaggressions

4. INCLUSIVE SERVICE DELIVERY

4.1 ACCESSIBILITY

OH Assessments:

- -Remote-only delivery via secure video platform (e.g., encrypted Microsoft Teams)
- -Translation services (BSL/other languages) booked within 48 hours:

~We use **UK-accredited, GDPR-compliant providers** (e.g., NRPSI-registered interpreters or NRCPD-certified BSL services). Providers are selected based on Confidentiality agreements (NDAs aligned with UK GDPR).

~If our primary provider is unavailable, we will source alternatives meeting the same standards.

Documents available in:

- -Standard/Braille: Posted within **5 working days** of request
- -Easy Read/Audio: Emailed as encrypted PDF within 48 hours (24 hours if priority booking)

4.2 CULTURAL COMPETENCE

Clinician Pledge: "I adapt communication to your needs, including:

-Language preferences (via translator if needed)

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-Neurodiversity accommodations (e.g., written summaries post-consult)"

Feedback Loop: Post-consultation survey with: Accessibility rating (target: ≥90% satisfaction)

5. ZERO-TOLERANCE ENFORCEMENT

5.1 REPORTING DISCRIMINATION

Channel	Response Time	Process
Email Only	24h acknowledgment	EDI Lead investigates within 10 days

5.2 CONSEQUENCES

Staff: Disciplinary action up to termination (logged in HR files)

Clients/Partners: Service suspension after 2 verified breaches

6. DATA-DRIVEN IMPROVEMENT

Metric	Target	Tool
Workforce Diversity	Match regional demographics ±5%	HR dashboard
Pay Gap (Gender/Race)	Annual 2% reduction	Pay audit software
Client Satisfaction (EDI)	≥90% positive	Post-consult survey

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ISO 30415 Alignment: Annual D&I report published internally and on website.

7. POLICY GOVERNANCE

Annual Review: Staff/patient focus groups + ISO 30415 compliance check

Transparency: Redacted investigation summaries shared quarterly

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8. VERSION CONTROL

Version	Date	Changes Made	Approved By
1.0	30/07/2025	Initial policy draft.	Dr. James Stanley
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