

Appendix 5: Merseyside Guidelines -- Identification of potential health impacts

In the first column of the table, list the categories (eg physical environment) and health determinants (eg noise) which may be affected by the project's development / operation. In the second column, list all the activities likely to cause these effects during the project's development / operation. In the third and fourth columns, identify all predicted health impacts during project development / operation, separating positive from negative health impacts, and assessing their measurability (see below). In the final column, estimate the degree of certainty (risk) of the impact.

Categories/specific influences on health	Project development/operation activity	Predicted health impacts (nature and where possible, size of impact and how measurable impact is – i.e., is it quantitative (Q), estimable (E), or calculable (C)?)		Risk of impact – is it definite (D), probably (P) or speculative (S)?
		Positive impacts	Negative Impacts	

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