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NICE guidelines

Equality impact assessment

Specialist neonatal respiratory care for babies born preterm

The impact on equality has been assessed during guidance development according to the principles of the NICE equality policy.

4.0 Final guideline (to be completed by the Developer before GE consideration of final guideline)

4.1 Have any additional potential equality issues been raised during the consultation, and, if so, how has the Committee addressed them?

There was only one potential equality issue raised during consultation:

'What about translational services for parents who first language is not English and making reasonable adjustments for parents with a learning disability? Book without words may be a useful tool.'

The section on providing information (recommendations 1.6.9 to 1.6.13) already states that the information should be '...appropriate to the parents' and carers' needs and preferences' and this would include the options suggested (translated materials, adjustments for parents with learning disabilities). There is also already a cross-reference to the NICE guideline on patient experience in adult NHS services which provide further guidance on appropriate communication and information.

The committee did not therefore consider it was necessary to make any further changes to the recommendations to address this issue.

4.2 If the recommendations have changed after consultation, are there any recommendations that make it more difficult in practice for a specific group to access services compared with other groups? If so, what are the barriers to, or difficulties with, access for the specific group?

No, there are no changes to the recommendations that make it more difficult in practice for a specific group to access services compared with other groups.

4.3 If the recommendations have changed after consultation, is there potential for the recommendations to have an adverse impact on people with disabilities because of something that is a consequence of the disability?

No, there are no changes to the recommendations that are likely to have an adverse impact on people with disabilities because of something that is a consequence of the disability?

4.4 If the recommendations have changed after consultation, are there any recommendations or explanations that the Committee could make to remove or alleviate barriers to, or difficulties with, access to services identified in questions 4.1, 4.2 and 4.3, or otherwise fulfil NICE's obligations to advance equality?

This is not necessary as the changes to the recommendations have not created and barriers or difficulties. 4.5 Have the Committee's considerations of equality issues been described in the final guideline, and, if so, where?

The considerations of equality issues are, as prior to consultation, included in the committee's discussion of the evidence for questions 6.1, 6.2, 6.3, 7.1 and 7.2.

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