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NICE guidelines

Equality impact assessment

Endometriosis: diagnosis and management of endometriosis

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

1.0 Scope: before consultation (To be completed by the developer and submitted with the draft scope for consultation)

1.1 Have any potential equality issues been identified during the development of the draft scope, before consultation, and, if so, what are they?

(Please specify if the issue has been highlighted by a stakeholder)

Delivery of care and access of care may be affected by geographic area and under-diagnosis is a particular issue for women with learning disabilities. Stakeholders noted that adolescents and women for whom English is not a first language may have particular difficulties in accessing care. Stakeholders also raised the issue that the use of treatments which are contraceptive may not be acceptable to the families and carers of adolescents with endometriosis or to women from some religious or ethnic groups.

1.2 What is the preliminary view on the extent to which these potential equality issues need addressing by the Committee? For example, if population groups, treatments or settings are excluded from the scope, are these exclusions justified – that is, are the reasons legitimate and the exclusion proportionate?

Endometriosis outside the pelvis has been excluded as it is very rare (<1%). Post-menopausal women are excluded as they are covered by the Menopause

guideline in development.

Adolescents have been added as a specific subgroup in the population to be considered in the guideline. Data for this group will be analysed separately where possible in order to allow the committee to make separate recommendations. For other groups for whom equalities issues have been identified the committee will consider whether separate recommendations are required on a case-by-case basis.

2.0 Scope: after consultation (To be completed by the developer and submitted with the final scope)

2.1 Have any potential equality issues been identified during consultation, and, if so, what are they?

Stakeholders highlighted geographical variation in the level of care that women experience. This is related to the geographical distribution of specialist centres for endometriosis around the country.

2.2 Have any changes to the scope been made as a result of consultation to highlight potential equality issues?

This topic was already featured in the equality impact form and we highlighted this to the stakeholders who made comments related to this. Specialist services feature as a key area and therefore recommendations may help to alleviate these geographical differences in access to these services.

2.3 Is the primary focus of the guideline a population with a specific disability-related communication need?

If so, is an alternative version of the 'Information for the Public' document recommended?

If so, which alternative version is recommended?

The alternative versions available are:

- large font or audio versions for a population with sight loss;
- British Sign Language videos for a population who are deaf from birth;
- 'Easy read' versions for people with learning disabilities or cognitive impairment.

No, this is not the primary focus of the guideline population.