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QUALITY STANDARD TOPIC OVERVIEW

1 Quality standard title

Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder

2 Quality standard background

A NICE quality standard is a concise set of statements designed to drive and measure priority quality improvements within a particular area of care.

A NICE quality standard is derived from NICE guidance and other guidance [accredited](#) by NICE. They are developed independently by NICE, in collaboration with NHS and social care professionals, their partners and service users. Recommendations relating to effectiveness and cost effectiveness, people's experience of using services, safety issues, equality and cost impact are considered during the development process.

NICE quality standards are central to supporting the Government's vision for an NHS and social care system that is focussed on delivering the best possible outcomes for people who use services as detailed in the [Health and Social Care Act \(2012\)](#).

The quality standard development process is described in detail on the [NICE website](#).

3 Topic overview

This topic overview describes core elements of the quality standard. These include the population and condition to be covered, key source guidance to be used to underpin potential quality statements, any related quality standards, published current practice information from national policy documents, reports and audits, and national or routine indicators and performance measures.

Where the source guidance is not NICE guidance, it should meet the minimum quality criteria defined in NICE's [accreditation](#) programme.

3.1 *Timing*

The development of the quality standard will begin in December 2012 and is expected to take 10 months to complete.

4 Population and condition to be covered

This quality standard will cover the diagnosis and management of attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) in children aged 3 years and older, young people and adults.

5 Key development sources (NICE and NICE accredited sources)

5.1 *Primary source*

- [Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder: diagnosis and management of ADHD in children, young people and adults](#). NICE clinical guideline 72 (2009).

5.2 *Other sources that may be used in the development of the quality standard*

- [Antisocial personality disorder: treatment, management and prevention](#). NICE clinical guideline 77 (2009).
- Scottish Intercollegiate Guidelines Network (SIGN) [Management of attention deficit and hyperkinetic disorders in children and young people](#) (2009).
- [Parent-training/education programmes in the management of children with conduct disorders](#). NICE Technology Appraisal 102 (2006) (Review decision date: May 2011).

5.3 NICE guidance under development

- [Conduct disorders and antisocial behaviour in children and young people: recognition, intervention and management](#). NICE clinical guideline. Publication expected April 2013.

6 Related NICE quality standards

6.1 Published

- [Service user experience in adult mental health](#). NICE quality standard (2011).
- [Patient experience in adult NHS services](#). NICE quality standard (2012).

6.2 In development

None

6.3 Quality standards topic library

In March 2012, the Department of Health referred a [library of quality standard topics](#) for the NHS to NICE for development.

This quality standard will be developed in the context of the NICE quality standard topic library, including the following quality standards scheduled for future development.

- Conduct disorders (children and young people). NICE quality standard. Publication date to be confirmed.
- Personality disorders (borderline and antisocial). NICE quality standard. Publication date to be confirmed.
- The transition between child and adult services. NICE quality standard. Publication date to be confirmed.

7 Key policy documents, reports and national audits

Relevant national policy documents, reports and audits will be used to inform the development of the quality standard.

- Department of Health (2010). [Keeping children and young people in mind: the Government's full response to the independent review of CAMHS.](#)
- Department of Health (2008) [Children and young people in mind: the final report of the National CAMHS Review.](#)
- NHS Quality Improvement Scotland (2008). [Attention deficit and hyperkinetic disorders services over Scotland: report of the ADHD project user and parent/carers subgroup.](#)
- NHS Quality Improvement Scotland (2008). [Attention Deficit and Hyperkinetic Disorders Services Over Scotland: Report of the implementation review exercise.](#)
- Department of Health (2004). [National service framework for children, young people and maternity services: Core standards.](#)

8 Existing indicators

- The Health and Social Care Information Centre [Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services \(CAMHS\) Secondary Uses Data Set.](#)

9 Further information

[More information about NICE quality standards](#) and [the progress of this quality standard](#) is available from the [NICE website](#)¹.

Information on the quality standard development process is provided in:

- '[Developing NICE quality standards: process guide](#)'.

¹ www.nice.org.uk