Opportunities to influence our work

Our guidance goes through several stages before it’s published. Here’s a breakdown of how it’s developed. We’ve detailed the stages at which health and care professionals, including primary care staff, can input their knowledge and expertise.

# How we work with you

## Stage 1

We develop a scope to describe why our guidance is needed, the areas it will cover and its goals.

Health and care staff with a particular interest in the topic help define the scope of our guidance. This could be by coming along to a scoping workshop or sharing their views as part of the consultation.

### Stage 2

An independent committee considers the best available evidence and develops the recommendations that form the guidance.

We're always looking for primary care staff to sit on our guidance committees. Your involvement is highly valued. You do not need to be senior, highly experienced or have a specialist interest in a particular topic to join.

### Input stage 3

We then hold an open consultation on the draft guidance. Some positive technology guidance does not need this.

Consultation is a key part of guidance development. This inclusive process ensures we listen to the views of those who support the day-to-day health of patients with a broad range of medical conditions.

The committee meets again to consider the feedback received and agree any changes before the guidance is published. Our evidence-based recommendations are now available for health and care staff to use, improving outcomes for their communities.