

Surveillance proposal consultation document

2018 surveillance of pregnancy and complex social factors (NICE guideline CG110)

Proposed surveillance decision

We propose to not update the NICE guideline on [pregnancy and complex social factors: a model for service provision for pregnant women with complex social factors](#) (CG110) at this time.

Reasons for the proposal

The recommendations in this guideline were largely based on consensus because of inadequate quantity and quality of evidence. The evidence base does not appear to have progressed enough to support an update of this guideline on service provision for women with complex social factors. The current recommendations cover most social factors that were highlighted by experts; however it is recognised that some factors may not be fully captured in the guideline.

Overview of 2018 surveillance methods

NICE's surveillance team checked whether recommendations in [pregnancy and complex social factors](#) (NICE guideline CG110) remain up to date. The 2018 surveillance followed the static list review process, consisting of:

- Feedback from topic experts via a questionnaire
- A search for new or updated Cochrane reviews and national policy
- A search for ongoing research
- Examining related NICE guidance and quality standards
- Examining the NICE event tracker for relevant ongoing and published events
- Consulting on the decision with stakeholders

For further details about the process and the possible update decisions that are available, see [ensuring that published guidelines are current and accurate](#) in developing NICE guidelines: the manual.

Evidence considered in surveillance

Search and selection strategy

Using the static list process, we searched for new Cochrane reviews related to the whole guideline. We found no relevant Cochrane reviews published between September 2010 and April 2018. No relevant studies were identified by topic experts.

The [evidence update](#) in 2012 identified 12 studies that were considered to have no impact on recommendations.

Ongoing research

We checked for relevant ongoing research; of the ongoing studies identified, 1 study was assessed as having the potential to change recommendations. We plan to check the publication status regularly, and evaluate the impact of its result on current recommendations. The study is:

- [A pragmatic cluster population-level randomised controlled trial of a community-level intervention to increase early uptake of antenatal care \(REACH Pregnancy Programme, Work Package 1\)](#)

Intelligence gathered during surveillance

Views of topic experts

We sent questionnaires to 10 topic experts and received 5 responses. The topic experts either:

- participated in the guideline committee who developed the guideline
- were recruited to the NICE Centre for Guidelines Expert Advisers Panel to represent their specialty.

We have also received additional comments from 2 other experts in the area. Topic experts recommended that NICE guideline CG110 could be expanded to include wider groups of women with social factors in pregnancy (involving a range of complex social factors that they consider are not captured in the guideline), including:

- Wider definition of domestic abuse
- Substance misuse (changes and trends in drug misuse, alcohol, mental health and physical health problems in these women). Also substance misuse by partner and fetal alcohol spectrum disorders (FASD)
- Mental health and personality disorders
- Homeless women
- Women with no recourse to public funds

- Women with no social support (for example, no family, social network, move frequently)
- Gender queer and gender re-assignment
- Child sexual exploitation
- Female genital mutilation
- Asylum seekers and refugees
- Human trafficking of women

Other suggested factors by topic experts that are not relevant to NICE guideline CG110:

- STIs (sexually transmitted infections) risk and use of LARC (long-acting reversible contraception)
- Forced marriage and women who have had an Islamic marriage in the UK without a civil ceremony leading to legal marriage

NICE has published a number of guidelines that covers some of the complex social factors raised by the topic experts; for example:

Domestic abuse is covered in [Domestic violence and abuse: multi-agency working](#) (NICE public health guidance 50).

Coexisting severe mental illness and substance misuse is covered in [Coexisting severe mental illness and substance misuse: community health and social care services](#) (NICE guideline 58).

Mental health is covered in [Antenatal and postnatal mental health: clinical management and service guidance](#) (NICE clinical guideline 192) and [Postnatal care up to 8 weeks after birth](#) (NICE clinical guideline 37).

Female genital mutilation and child sexual exploitation are covered in [Child abuse and neglect](#) (NICE guideline 76).

In addition, uptake of services and providing information and support for women will be captured by the NICE guideline on [antenatal care for uncomplicated pregnancies](#) (NICE clinical guideline 62) which is currently being updated. When the update of CG62 is published in July 2020, the surveillance team may undertake another review of the guideline on pregnancy with complex social factors.

The 'related NICE guidance' section of CG110 will be updated to include reference to these NICE guidelines.

One expert noted that the safeguarding world and information sharing for those with abuse has substantially changed over the last few years. It is proposed that a cross-reference to government publications, [Information sharing advice for safeguarding practitioners](#); [Information sharing to protect vulnerable children and families](#); [Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference](#) (MARAC), will be made.

Views of stakeholders

Stakeholders are consulted on all surveillance decisions except if the whole guideline will be updated and replaced. Because this surveillance decision was not to update the guideline, we are consulting on the decision.

See [ensuring that published guidelines are current and accurate](#) in developing NICE guidelines: the manual for more details on our consultation processes.

Equalities

No equalities issues were identified during the surveillance process.

Editorial amendments

During surveillance of the guideline we identified the following points in the guideline that should be amended.

Recommendations:

Footnote 13: the link to [Department of Health](#) (Responding to domestic abuse: A handbook for healthcare professionals 2005) is not valid and no longer available. The footnote will be replaced and a reference will be made to [Domestic abuse: a resource for health professionals](#).

Footnote 10: the link to [Department for Children, Schools and Families, and Communities and Local Government](#) (Information sharing: guidance for practitioners and managers. Department for Children, Schools and Families, and Communities and Local Government 2008) is not valid and no longer available. The footnote will be replaced and a reference will be made to [Information sharing advice for safeguarding practitioners](#).

Footnote 9: the link to [Common Assessment Framework](#) is not valid. This link will be removed.

Related NICE guidance:

Section 6 'Related NICE guidance' will be updated to include updated information about NICE guidelines.

Reference is made to [Community engagement to improve health](#) [NICE public health guidance 9]. This guideline has been updated and the link will be replaced with a cross-reference to [Community engagement: improving health and wellbeing and reducing health inequalities](#) (NG44).

Reference is made to [Stop smoking services](#) [NICE public health guidance 10]. This guideline has been updated and the link will be replaced with a cross reference to [Stop smoking interventions and services](#) (NG92).

Reference is made to [Behaviour change: general approaches](#) [NICE public health guidance 6]. This guideline has been updated and the link will be replaced with a cross-reference to [Drug misuse prevention: targeted interventions](#) (NG64).

Reference is made to [Antenatal and postnatal mental health: Clinical management and service guidance](#) [NICE clinical guideline 45]. This guideline has been updated and the link will be replaced with a cross-reference to [Antenatal and postnatal mental health: clinical management and service guidance](#) (CG192).

Reference is made to [Smoking: brief interventions and referrals](#) [NICE clinical guideline 1]. This guideline has been updated and the link will be replaced with a cross-reference to [Stop smoking interventions and services](#) (NG92).

A cross-reference to [Domestic violence and abuse: multi-agency working](#) (PH50) will be made.

Overall decision

After considering all evidence and other intelligence and the impact on current recommendations, we decided that no update is necessary at this time.

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