

# NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE EXCELLENCE

## NICE guidelines

### Equality impact assessment

#### Faltering growth

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

#### **3.0 Guideline development: before consultation (to be completed by the developer before draft guideline consultation)**

3.1 Have the potential equality issues identified during the scoping process been addressed by the Committee, and, if so, how?

The equality issues identified during the scoping process such as socioeconomic status and potential language barriers were considered during in each review protocol and discussed during the drafting of the recommendations.

3.2 Have any **other** potential equality issues (in addition to those identified during the scoping process) been identified, and, if so, how has the Committee addressed them?

No.

3.3 Were the Committee's considerations of equality issues described in the consultation document, and, if so, where?

Yes, we covered these issues in the review protocols and the description of linking evidence to recommendations.

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3.4 Do the preliminary recommendations 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?

We do not expect that the preliminary recommendations will create access difficulties based on the equality characteristics.

3.5 Is there potential for the preliminary recommendations to have an adverse impact on people with disabilities because of something that is a consequence of the disability?

No.

3.6 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 3.1, 3.2 or 3.3, or otherwise fulfil NICE's obligation to advance equality?

Our recommendations on referral and organisation of care in are aimed to standardise and improve access to such services.

We also cross-referred to the patient experience NICE guideline which describes in detail how information should be provided and how to communicate with adults about conditions (taking into account communication or language difficulties). This should help remove barriers in the relationship between healthcare professionals and the parents or carers of a child with faltering growth.

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