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# NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE EXCELLENCE

## NICE guidelines

### Equality impact assessment

#### Early and locally advanced breast cancer

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

#### 4.0 Final guideline (to be completed by the Developer before GE consideration of final guideline)

4.1 Have any additional potential equality issues been raised during the consultation, and, if so, how has the Committee addressed them?

The only additional equality issue identified during consultation was that of women who do not wish to undergo breast reconstruction surgery, but who prefer to remain flat. The recommendations on breast reconstruction assumed that all women would want reconstruction (either immediate or delayed) but the recommendations have been amended (1.5.3) to make it clear that the discussion of reconstruction options should include a discussion of whether or not the women wishes to have reconstruction at all.

4.2 If the recommendations have changed after consultation, are there any recommendations that 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?

No, the recommendations do not make it more difficult for any specific group to access services, compared to other groups.

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4.3 If the recommendations have changed after consultation, is there potential for the recommendations to have an adverse impact on people with disabilities because of something that is a consequence of the disability?

No, the recommendations should not have an adverse impact on people with disabilities.

4.4 If the recommendations have changed after consultation, 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 4.1, 4.2 and 4.3, or otherwise fulfil NICE's obligations to advance equality?

The committee has amended the breast reconstruction recommendations (1.5.1 to 1.5.3) so they will lead to fair and equal consideration of women who wish to have no, early or delayed reconstruction.

4.5 Have the Committee's considerations of equality issues been described in the final guideline, and, if so, where?

Yes, the rationale statement for the recommendations on breast reconstruction (1.5.1 to 1.5.3) and the committee's discussion of the evidence (Evidence report I) have been amended to include the option of no reconstruction.

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