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NICE guidelines

Equality impact assessment

Termination of pregnancy

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

1.0 Checking for updates and scope: before scope consultation (to be completed by the Developer and submitted with the draft scope for consultation)

1.1 Have any potential equality issues been identified during the check for an update or during development of the draft scope, and, if so, what are they?

The following groups/issues have been identified as potentially needing specific consideration during development of the guideline:

- living in remote areas
- complex pre-existing medical conditions
- coexisting mental health problems
- learning disabilities
- vulnerable women (including sex workers and women who are homeless)
- girls and younger women
- women who have communication difficulties, because of vision or hearing problems or because they have difficulty understanding English

1.2 What is the preliminary view on the extent to which these potential equality issues need addressing by the Committee? For example, if population groups, treatments or settings are excluded from the scope, are these exclusions justified – that is, are the reasons legitimate and the exclusion proportionate?

The evidence will be examined to see if it supports making different recommendations for the groups identified above

The following areas have been specifically excluded from the scope of this guideline:

- Care between conception and requesting termination of pregnancy
- The ongoing care of women who decide not to terminate pregnancy

These exclusions are because this guideline starts at the point that termination of pregnancy has been requested.

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