

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE EXCELLENCE

QUALITY STANDARD TOPIC OVERVIEW

1 Quality standard title

Transition from children's to adults' services

2 Introduction

2.1 *NICE quality standards*

NICE quality standards are a concise set of prioritised statements designed to drive measurable quality improvements within a particular area of health or care.

The standards are derived from high-quality guidance, such as that from NICE or [accredited](#) by NICE. They are developed independently by NICE, in collaboration with health, public health and social care practitioners, their partners and service users. Information on priority areas, people's experience of using services, safety issues, equality and cost impact are considered during the development process.

NICE quality standards are central to supporting the government's vision for a health and social care system that is focused on delivering the best possible outcomes for people who use services, as detailed in the [Health and Social Care Act \(2012\)](#).

The quality standard development process is described in detail on the [NICE website](#).

2.2 *This topic overview*

This topic overview describes core elements of the quality standard. These include the population and topic to be covered, key source guidance to be used to underpin potential quality statements, any related quality standards,

published current practice information and national or routine indicators and performance measures.

If the source guidance is not NICE guidance, it should meet the minimum quality criteria defined in NICE's [accreditation programme](#).

3 This quality standard

This quality standard is expected to publish in December 2016.

3.1 Population and topic to be covered

This quality standard will cover all young people (aged up to 25) using children's health and social care services who are due to make the transition to adults' health and social care services. It will include young people:

- with mental health problems
- with disabilities
- with long-term, life-limiting or complex needs
- in local authority care.

It will cover the period before, during and after a young person moves from children's to adults' services.

The quality standard will cover all settings in which transitions from children's to adults' health or social care services take place.

3.2 Key development sources (NICE and NICE-accredited sources)

Primary source

- [Transition from children's to adults' services for young people using health or social care services](#) (2016) NICE guideline NG43

Key policy documents, reports and national audits

Relevant policy documents, reports and national audits will be used to inform the development of the quality standard.

- Department of Health (2016) [Children and young people's continuing care national framework](#)
- Department of Health (2015) [Future in mind: promoting, protecting and improving our children and young people's mental health and wellbeing](#)
- Social Care Institute for Excellence (2015) [The Care Act: Transition from childhood to adulthood](#)
- [Children and Families Act 2014](#)
- Department of Health and Department for Education (2014) [Special educational needs and disability code of practice: 0 to 25 years](#)
- [Care Act 2014](#)
- Care Quality Commission (2014) [The state of health care and adult social care in England 2013/14](#)
- Department of Health (2014) [Children with special educational and complex needs: guidance for health and wellbeing boards](#)
- Department of Health (2014) [Care and support statutory guidance: Issued under the Care Act 2014](#)
- Local Government Association (2014) [The Care Act and whole-family approaches](#)
- Care Quality Commission (2014) [From the pond into the sea: Children's transition to adult health services](#)
- Joint Commissioning Panel for Mental Health (2013) [Guidance for commissioners of mental health services for young people making the transition from child and adolescent to adult services](#)
- Department of Health (2012) [Report of the Children and Young People's Health Outcomes Forum](#)
- Council for disabled children (2011) [Information and learning from the Aiming High for Disabled Children Transition Support Programme](#)
- Young Minds (2011) [Transitions in mental health care](#)

3.3 Related NICE quality standards

Published

- [Patient experience in adult NHS services](#) (2012) NICE quality standard 15

NICE quality standard: Transition from children's to adults' services overview (March 2016)

- [Service user experience in adult mental health services](#) (2011) NICE quality standard 14

The full list of quality standard topics referred to NICE is available from the [quality standard topic library](#) on the NICE website.

4 Existing indicators

None identified.

5 Further information

See the NICE website for more information about [NICE quality standards](#) and the [progress of this quality standard](#).