

# NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE EXCELLENCE

## QUALITY STANDARD TOPIC OVERVIEW

### 1 Quality standard title

Violence and aggression

### 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 June 2017.

#### **3.1 Population and topic to be covered**

This quality standard will cover short-term management of violent and physically threatening behaviour among adults, children and young people with a mental health problem in mental health, social care and community healthcare settings. This quality standard will not specifically address violence and aggression among people with primary diagnosis of learning disability as this group has already been covered within quality standard [QS101 - Learning disabilities: challenging behaviour](#).

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

##### **Primary source**

- [Violence and aggression](#) (2015) NICE guideline NG10

##### **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 (2014) [Mental health crisis care agreement](#).
- Department of Health (2014) [Positive and proactive care: reducing the need for restrictive interventions](#).
- Department of Health (2014) [A positive and proactive workforce. A guide to workforce development for commissioners and employers seeking to minimise the use of restrictive practices in social care and health](#).

- Robert Francis QC (2013) [Report of the Mid Staffordshire NHS Foundation Trust Public Enquiry](#)
- Department of Health (2012) [Compassion in practice – nursing, midwifery and care staff – our vision and strategy](#)
- Department of Health (2012) [Winterbourne View Hospital: Department of Health review and response](#)

### **3.3 Related NICE quality standards**

#### **Published**

- [Learning disabilities: challenging behaviour](#) (2015) NICE quality standard 101
- [Personality disorders: borderline and antisocial](#) (2015) NICE quality standard 88
- [Antisocial behaviour and conduct disorders in children and young people](#) (2014) NICE quality standard 59
- [Service user experience in adult mental health services](#) (2011) NICE quality standard 14
- [Dementia: support in health and social care](#) (2010) NICE quality standard 1

#### **In development**

- [Healthy workplaces](#), Publication expected January 2017.

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**

- [NHS Protect physical assault statistics 2014/15](#)

## **5 Further information**

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