

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE EXCELLENCE

QUALITY STANDARD TOPIC OVERVIEW

1 Quality standard title

Physical health of people in prisons.

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 September 2017.

3.1 Population and topic to be covered

This quality standard will cover assessing, diagnosing and managing physical health problems of adults aged 18 years and older in prisons or young offender institutes. It will not cover:

- people in immigration removal centres
- people in police custody
- NHS care provided for prisoners outside the prison service (for example in an acute hospital)
- end of life care
- dental management, other than self-care.

The initial assessment, diagnosis and management of mental health problems will be part of the scope of the upcoming quality standard on the mental health of people in prisons. This will be based on the NICE guideline on the [mental health of adults in contact with the criminal justice system](#) which is due to publish in February 2017.

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

Primary source

- [Physical health of people in prison](#). (2016) NICE guideline NG57

Other sources that may be used

- [Tuberculosis](#) (2016) NICE guideline NG33
- [Smoking: harm reduction](#) (2013) NICE PH45

- [Hepatitis B and C testing: people at risk of infection](#) (2012) NICE guideline PH43
- [Alcohol-use disorders: diagnosis, assessment and management of harmful drinking and alcohol dependence](#) (2011) NICE guideline CG115
- [Alcohol-use disorders: diagnosis and management of physical complications](#) (2010) NICE guideline CG100
- [Immunisations: reducing differences in uptake in under 19s](#) (2009) NICE guideline PH21
- [Drug misuse in over 16s: opioid detoxification](#) (2007) NICE guideline CG52
- HIV testing - increasing uptake among people who may have undiagnosed HIV (publication expected December 2016).

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.

- NHS England (2016) [Health and justice commissioning intentions 2017/18](#)
- Public Health England (2016) [Health outcomes in prisons in England: a rapid review](#)
- Public Health England (2016) [Prison health: health and justice annual report](#)
- HM Inspectorate of Prisons (2015) [Changing patterns of substance misuse in adult prisons and service responses](#)
- NHS England (2015) [Equal access, equal care: Guidance for prison healthcare staff treating patients with learning disabilities](#)
- Public Health England (2015) [Smoking in prisons: management of tobacco use and nicotine withdrawal](#)
- Public Health England (2014) [Prescribed places of detention: health needs assessment toolkit](#)
- Public Health England (2014) [Tuberculosis in prisons: the role of Public Health England](#)
- Public Health England (2013) [Management of tuberculosis in prisons: guidance for prison healthcare teams](#)

- Department of Health (2012) [National survey of hepatitis C services in prisons in England](#)

3.3 Related NICE quality standards

In March 2012, the Department of Health referred a library of quality standard topics for the NHS to NICE for development.

This quality standard will be developed in the context of all topics in the NICE [library of quality standards](#) but will be particularly related to:

- [Smoking: harm reduction](#) quality standard 92 (2015)
- [Hepatitis B](#) quality standard 65 (2014)
- [Smoking: supporting people to stop](#) quality standard 43 (2013)
- [Drug use disorders in adults](#) quality standard 23 (2012)
- [Alcohol-use disorders: diagnosis and management](#) quality standard 11 (2011)
- [HIV testing](#) (in development)
- [Tuberculosis](#) (in development)
- [Vaccine uptake in under 19's](#) (in development)
- Mental health of adults in contact with the criminal justice system (referred)

4 Existing indicators

- NHS England's Health and Justice Indicators of Performance (HJIPs). This information is currently held by NHS England area teams and will be made available online in the future.

5 Further information

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