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QUALITY STANDARD TOPIC OVERVIEW

1 Quality standard title

Mental health of adults in contact with the criminal justice system.

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 January 2018.

3.1 Population and topic to be covered

This quality standard will cover the assessment, diagnosis and management of mental health conditions in adults (aged 18 and over) who are in contact with the criminal justice system.

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

Primary source

- [Mental health of adults in contact with the criminal justice system](#) (2017) NICE guidance NG66.

Other sources that may be used

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

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 (2017) [Mental health service reform](#)
- Department of Health (2017) [Five Year Forward View for Mental Health: government response](#)
- NHS England (2017) [The five year forward view for Mental Health – one year on](#)
- House of Commons Justice Committee (2016) [The treatment of young adults in the criminal justice system](#)

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- NHS England (2016) [The five year forward view for Mental Health](#)
- NHS England (2016) [Strategic Direction for Health Services in the justice system: 2016-2020](#)
- NHS England (2016) [Health and Justice Commissioning Intentions 2017/18](#)
- Public Health England (2016) [Prison health: health and justice annual report](#).

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](#), including those covering specific mental health conditions. It will also be particularly related to:

Published

- [Service user experience in adult mental health services](#) (2011) NICE quality standard QS14.

In development

- [Drug misuse prevention](#) Publication expected June 2017
- [Violence and aggression](#) Publication expected August 2017
- [Physical health of people in prison](#) Publication expected September 2017.

Future quality standards

This quality standard will be developed in the context of all quality standards referred to NICE, including the following quality standards scheduled for future development:

- [Eating disorders](#)
- [Suicide prevention](#).

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

- NICE Menu: NM123 [The percentage of patients with a new diagnosis of depression and/or anxiety disorder in the preceding 1 April to 31 March, whose notes record an offer of referral for psychological treatment within 3 months of the date of diagnosis](#)
- NICE menu: NM108 [The percentage of patients with schizophrenia, bipolar affective disorder and other psychoses who have a comprehensive care plan documented in the record, in the preceding 12 months, agreed between individuals, their family and/or carers as appropriate](#)
- NICE Menu: NM50 [The percentage of patients with a new diagnosis of depression in the preceding 1 April to 31 March who have been reviewed within 10-35 days of the date of diagnosis](#)
- NICE menu: NM49 [The percentage of patients with a new diagnosis of depression in the preceding 1 April to 31 March who have had a bio-psychosocial assessment by the point of diagnosis](#)
- NICE menu: NM22 [The percentage of patients on lithium therapy with a record of lithium levels in the therapeutic range within the previous 4 months](#)
- NICE menu: NM15 [The percentage of patients with schizophrenia, bipolar affective disorder and other psychoses who have a record of alcohol consumption in the preceding 15 months](#)
- NHS England Health and Justice Indicators of Performance: [Number of mental health secure transfers within 2 weeks of acceptance under the MHA - Age: 18+](#)
- NHS England Health and Justice Indicators of Performance: [Proportion of mental health patients receiving group therapy in secure and detained settings - Age: 18+](#)
- NHS England Health and Justice Indicators of Performance: [Proportion of mental health patients receiving individual therapy in secure and detained settings - Age: 18+](#)
- NHS England Health and Justice Indicators of Performance: [Proportion of population with access to liaison and diversion services - All ages.](#)

5 Further information

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