

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE EXCELLENCE

QUALITY STANDARD TOPIC OVERVIEW

1 Quality standard title

Child abuse and neglect

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 2018.

3.1 Population and topic to be covered

This quality standard will cover recognition, assessment and response to abuse and neglect of children and young people. It will cover physical, emotional and sexual abuse and neglect.

3.2 Key development sources

Primary sources

- [Child abuse and neglect](#) (2017) NICE guideline NG76.
- [Child maltreatment](#) (2009) NICE guideline CG89.

Other sources that may be used

- [Harmful sexual behaviour among children and young people](#) (2016) NICE guideline NG55

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 for Education (2017) [Child sexual exploitation: definition and guide for practitioners](#).
- Department for Education (2017) [Childhood neglect and abuse: comparing placement options](#)
- Public Health England (2017) [Child sexual exploitation: prevention and intervention](#)
- Local Government Association (2017) [Improving the effectiveness of the child protection system: Overview](#)
- Office of the Children's Commissioner (2017) [Preventing child sexual abuse: The role of schools](#)
- NHS England (2016) [Guidance for designated professionals safeguarding children and child protection-information sharing](#)

- The Association of Directors of Children’s Services (2016) [Safeguarding pressures phase 5](#)

3.3 Related NICE quality standards

Published

- [Children’s attachment](#) (2016) NICE quality standard (QS133)
- [Domestic violence and abuse](#) (2016) NICE quality standard (QS116)
- [Learning disabilities: challenging behaviour](#) (2015) NICE quality standard (QS101)
- [Antisocial behaviour and conduct disorders in children and young people](#) (2014) NICE quality standard (QS59)
- [Looked-after children and young people](#) (2013) NICE quality standard (QS31)

In development

- [Drug misuse prevention](#). Publication expected April 2018
- [Eating disorders](#). Publication expected April 2018

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

- [Public health outcomes framework for England, 2016–2019](#) 2.07i - Rate of hospital admissions caused by unintentional and deliberate injuries in children aged 0-14 years per 10,000 resident population
- [Public health outcomes framework for England, 2016–2019](#) 2.07ii - Rate of hospital admissions caused by unintentional and deliberate injuries in young people aged 15-24 per 10,000 resident population
- [Public health outcomes framework for England, 2016–2019](#) 2.08ii Percentage of children where there is a cause for concern

5 Further information

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