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NICE quality standards

Equality impact assessment

Serious eye disorders

The impact on equality has been assessed during quality standard development according to the principles of the NICE equality policy.

1. TOPIC ENGAGEMENT STAGE

1.1 Have any potential equality issues been identified during this stage of the development process?

The incidence of serious eye disorders and sight loss is higher among older people, many of whom may not seek treatment as they feel this is an expected part of the aging process.

1.2 Have any population groups, treatments or settings been excluded from coverage by the quality standard at this stage in the process. Are these exclusions justified – that is, are the reasons legitimate and the exclusion proportionate?

This quality standard will not cover serious eye disorders in children and young people. These conditions are rare in children and young people and would be treated by specialist paediatric services.

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