

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE EXCELLENCE

QUALITY STANDARD TOPIC OVERVIEW

1 Quality standard title

Serious eye disorders.

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 the diagnosis and management of serious eye conditions in adults including cataracts, glaucoma and macular degeneration. It will also cover preventing sight loss in adults.

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

Primary sources

- [Glaucoma: diagnosis and management](#) (2017) NICE guideline NG81
- [Cataracts in adults: management](#) (2017) NICE guideline NG77
- [Macular degeneration](#) NICE guideline. Publication expected January 2018.

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 Digital (2017) [General Ophthalmic Services activity statistics - England, year ending 31 March 2017](#)
- NHS England (2016) [Strategic Approach to commissioning for eye health](#)
- Royal College of Ophthalmologists (2016) [Commissioning guide: Glaucoma](#)
- Royal College of Ophthalmologists (2016) [National Ophthalmology Database Audit](#)
- Royal College of Ophthalmologists (2015) [Commissioning guide: Cataract surgery](#)

- Royal College of Ophthalmologists (2013) [Age-Related Macular Degeneration: Guidelines for Management](#)

3.3 *Related NICE quality standards*

Published

This quality standard will replace the existing NICE quality standard for Glaucoma in adults (QS7). The topic was identified for update following the annual review of quality standards in 2017. The NICE guideline (CG85) on glaucoma was updated and replaced by Glaucoma: diagnosis and management (NG81) published in November 2017. It was also decided that serious eye disorders should be included within one quality standard.

Future quality standards

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

- Long-term conditions, people with comorbidities, complex needs.
- Primary prevention: population and community based primary prevention strategies, including the role of A&E, at different stages of the life course.

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

- None identified at this stage.

4.1 *Further information*

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