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NICE guidelines

Equality impact assessment

Diagnostic Services

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

1.0 Scope: before consultation (To be completed by the developer and submitted with the draft scope for consultation)

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1.1 Have any potential equality issues been identified during the development of the draft scope, before consultation, and, if so, what are they?

(Please specify if the issue has been highlighted by a stakeholder)

- Consideration of certain groups may be required by the guideline developers to ensure equal opportunity to access services. These groups include:
  - o people located in rural geographical locations
  - o people with physical disabilities
  - o homeless people
  - o frail older people.
- People with mental health issues were discussed, however it is considered that this population will be adequately covered by this guideline.
- Non-English speaking populations are linked to higher non-attendance rates which will be considered as an outcome in this guideline, and therefore this will be adequately covered within the guideline.
- Special consideration may be required for information provision and modality of booking appointments for people who:
  - o Do not speak English as their first language
  - o Have mental health disabilities.

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1.2 What is the preliminary view on the extent to which these potential equality issues need addressing by the Committee? For example, if population groups, treatments or settings are excluded from the scope, are these exclusions justified – that is, are the reasons legitimate and the exclusion proportionate?

There are no specific population groups or settings excluded from the scope.
The areas that are not covered in this scope are addressed by other guidance and therefore there are no potential equality issues to be addressed by the guideline committee.

Completed by Developer __**SERENA CARVILLE GUIDELINE LEAD**_____

Date_28/09/15_____

Completed by Committee Chair   **PETER BARRY**

Date___29/09/15_____

Approved by NICE quality assurance lead
SHARON SUMMERS-MA_____

Date___30/09/2015_____

2.0 Scope: after consultation (To be completed by the developer and submitted with the final scope)

2.1 Have any potential equality issues been identified during consultation, and, if so, what are they?

2.2 Have any changes to the scope been made as a result of consultation to highlight

potential equality issues?

2.3 Is the primary focus of the guideline a population with a specific disability-related communication need? If so, is an alternative version of the 'Information for the Public' document recommended? If so, which alternative version is recommended? The alternative versions available are: • large font or audio versions for a population with sight loss; • British Sign Language videos for a population who are deaf from birth; • 'Easy read' versions for people with learning disabilities or cognitive impairment.

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Updated by Committee Chair_____

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3.0 Guideline development: before consultation (to be completed by the developer before draft guideline consultation)

3.1 Have the potential equality issues identified during the scoping process been addressed by the Committee, and, if so, how?

3.2 Have any **other** potential equality issues (in addition to those identified during the scoping process) been identified, and, if so, how has the Committee addressed them?

3.3 Were the Committee's considerations of equality issues described in the consultation document, and, if so, where?

3.4 Do the preliminary recommendations make it more difficult in practice for a specific group to access services compared with other groups? If so, what are the barriers to, or difficulties with, access for the specific group?

3.5 Is there potential for the preliminary recommendations to have an adverse impact on people with disabilities because of something that is a consequence of the disability?

3.6 Are there any recommendations or explanations that the Committee could make to remove or alleviate barriers to, or difficulties with, access to services identified in questions 3.1, 3.2 or 3.3, or otherwise fulfil NICE's obligation to advance equality?

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4.0 Final guideline (to be completed by the Developer before GE consideration of final guideline)

4.1 Have any additional potential equality issues been raised during the consultation, and, if so, how has the Committee addressed them?

4.2 If the recommendations have changed after consultation, are there any recommendations that make it more difficult in practice for a specific group to access services compared with other groups? If so, what are the barriers to, or difficulties with, access for the specific group?

4.3 If the recommendations have changed after consultation, is there potential for the recommendations to have an adverse impact on people with disabilities because of something that is a consequence of the disability?

4.4 If the recommendations have changed after consultation, are there any recommendations or explanations that the Committee could make to remove or alleviate barriers to, or difficulties with, access to services identified in questions 4.2, 4.3 and 4.4, or otherwise fulfil NICE's obligations to advance equality?

4.5 Have the Committee's considerations of equality issues been described in the final guideline document, and, if so, where?

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5.0 After Guidance Executive amendments – if applicable (To be completed by appropriate NICE staff member after Guidance Executive)

5.1 Outline amendments agreed by Guidance Executive below, if applicable:

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