

# NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE EXCELLENCE

## HealthTech Programme

### **GID-HTE10051 Slide sheets for repositioning or moving a person on or from a bed: late-stage assessment**

#### **Equality impact assessment: Scoping**

1. Have any potential equality issues been identified during the scoping process?

The following equality issues and considerations were identified:

- Slide sheets may not be suitable for people who are particularly frail, critically ill or who have severe skin conditions, for example burns or ulcers.
- The musculoskeletal burden felt by caregivers when using slide sheets is heavily dependent on the ability of the care recipient to assist during the moving or repositioning task. Some people, for example those with limited understanding of the English language when no interpretation support is available, or people with mental health conditions or a learning disability may be unable or less able to assist their caregiver, as well as those who are particularly frail, critically ill, with a physical disability or reduced mobility.
- Some of the conditions which lead to a person needing assistance to move or reposition themselves may be considered a disability. In addition, the prevalence of most conditions that lead to a person needing assistance to move or reposition themselves rises with age. Older people or people with underlying skin conditions may be more likely to have fragile skin that is prone to tearing. They may also be at a higher risk of pressure ulcers. People with overweight or obesity may be at higher risk of pressure ulcers. The proportion of people with overweight or obesity is higher in men than women.
- Caregivers may be at higher risk of sustaining injury when moving and handling patients if they are shorter or taller than average.

Age, disability and gender are protected characteristics under the Equality Act 2010.

2. What is the preliminary view as to what extent these potential equality issues need addressing by the committee?

The potential equality issues will be considered by the committee during decision making.

3. Has any change to the draft scope been agreed to highlight potential equality issues?

At the scoping workshop the higher risk to caregivers of sustaining injury when moving and handling patients if they are shorter or taller than average, was discussed and added to section 3.1 of the final scope.

The potential equality issues have been included in section 3.1 of the scope.

4. Have any additional stakeholders related to potential equality issues been identified during the scoping process, and, if so, have changes to the stakeholder list been made?

No additional stakeholders related to potential equality issues have been identified during the scoping process.

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