

# NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE EXCELLENCE

## NICE guidelines

### Equality impact assessment

## Rehabilitation for chronic neurological disorders including traumatic brain injury

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

### **1.0 Checking for updates and scope: before scope consultation (to be completed by the Developer and submitted with the draft scope for consultation)**

1.1 Is the proposed primary focus of the guideline a population with a specific communication or engagement need, related to disability, age, or other equality consideration? Yes

If so, what is it and what action might be taken by NICE or the developer to meet this need? (For example, adjustments to committee processes, additional forms of consultation.)

We will consider how the views of children and young people are considered. This could be as part of committee work throughout development and/or at the guideline consultation stage.

1.2 Have any potential equality issues been identified during the check for an update or during development of the draft scope, and, if so, what are they?

1. Inequalities relating to geography in accessing in-patient, out-patient and community rehabilitation.
2. How lower socio-economic groups can be disproportionately affected because

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of impact on family life and income and/or lack of access to legal support or advice.

3. Inequalities around access to rehabilitation services relating to people with pre-existing physical and/or mental health and behavioural conditions, communication impairment, physical and learning disabilities, or frailty.
4. Inequalities around poorer outcomes for looked after children .
5. Age related service expectations.
6. Approaches to engagement with rehabilitation that are sensitive to cultural differences.

1.3 What is the preliminary view on the extent to which these potential equality issues need addressing by the Committee?

1. The guideline will need to take into account that services are organised differently in different parts of the country and will need to reflect different commissioning models including considerations around rural and urban environments
2. We will look for evidence about effectiveness and preferences about rehabilitation service provision in selected protocols relating to lower socio-economic groups.
3. We will look for evidence that highlights barriers to access of rehabilitation services for specific groups covered by equalities legislation
4. The guideline will need to include recommendations covering rehabilitation service provision related to all ages, avoiding age related generalisations whilst still making age specific recommendations when necessary.

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