

NICE guidelines

Equality impact assessment

Pneumonia in children and adults: diagnosis and management

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

2.0 Checking for updates and scope: after consultation

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

- Disability

A stakeholder commented that people with learning disabilities may need information to be provided in a different format that is more accessible for them (for example, in Easy Read style). They also suggested widening the scope of the work to focus specifically on the needs of people with a learning disability. For example, the different way in which people with a learning disability may present as unwell, consideration of comorbidities and the risks of diagnostic overshadowing.

Another stakeholder highlighted that people with known vulnerabilities (such as mental health issues and substance misuse issues) may require additional support to adhere to prescribed medications on discharge and attend any follow up appointments.

- Race

A stakeholder highlighted the importance of ensuring that information for patients, their families and carers is made accessible through plain English or by providing it in other languages for people who not speak English.

- Socio-economic factors

Stakeholders highlighted the role of poor housing and, in particular housing that is damp and mould infested, in increasing the risk of developing pneumonia.

Another stakeholder highlighted that people with known vulnerabilities (such as homelessness, mental health issues and addictions) may require additional support to adhere to prescribed medications on discharge and attend any follow

up appointments.

- Other definable characteristics:

- people who are homeless

A stakeholder commented that these people may require additional support to adhere to prescribed medications on discharge and attend any follow up appointments.

- people with low levels of literacy/health literacy

Stakeholders highlighted the importance of ensuring that information for patients, their families and carers is made accessible through plain English.

2.2 Have any changes to the scope been made as a result of consultation to highlight potential equality issues?

No changes have been made to the scope, but we will discuss the issues raised with the committee as we develop review protocols, analyse the data and draft recommendations.

2.3 Have any of the changes made led to a change in the primary focus of the guideline which would require consideration of a specific communication or engagement need, related to disability, age, or other equality consideration?

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)

No

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