

NICE guidelines

Equality impact assessment

Carers: provision of support for adult carers

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 (to be completed by the Developer and submitted with the revised scope)

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

Stakeholders raised the following issues in consultation

- Concern about the exclusion of young carers from the scope (those under 18)
- Concern about the exclusion of parent carers caring for children under 16 years of age with health and social care needs from the scope
- variation in support for carers relating to geographical location
- inadequacy of support for carers in relation to caring for someone with dementia and other mental health problems
- the need to take account of the different support needs and interests of carers at different stages of adult life, from young adult to frail elderly.
- that advice, information and other forms of support for adult carers need to be fully inclusive for LBGT people
- that information and advice more generally for carers needs to be available in a range of formats for a range of audiences

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

Some changes have been made to the scope to explain the reasons for the exclusion of young carers and parent carers of children under 16. It is explained that this is due to differences in support provision for these two groups. It also explained how it is hoped that at least some of the recommendations will be useful and relevant for both groups and that both groups will be included in the scope in relation

to the whole family approach to assessment, in line with the Care Act 2014.

The guideline will focus on support for all adult carers, 18 and over. Consideration will be given for some groups such as older carers (including frail elderly), young adult carers (age 18 to 25), carers with disabilities and long term health conditions, LGBT carers and black, Asian and minority ethnic carers.

Consideration will also be given to different forms of practical support for carers caring for people with dementia and mental health conditions.

The evidence review may lead to particular recommendations in any of the above areas, should evidence be available.

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