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NICE guidelines

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Tinnitus

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 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?

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

People with profound hearing loss and tinnitus and people with hyperacusis and tinnitus need specific consideration because they cannot access some of the treatments for tinnitus (for example, sound-based therapy) so these therapies may need to be adapted or alternatives offered. We have listed these as groups requiring specific consideration in the section listing who will be covered in the scope.

People with dementia and people who have difficulty accessing written information were identified by stakeholders at the stakeholder scoping workshop.

People with learning disability, or cognitive difficulties (e.g. dementia) need specific consideration because they may need modified management strategies tailored to their needs. People who have difficulty accessing written information (e.g. visual impairment) need specific consideration as information will need to be provided in a

way that is accessible.

Children over 5 were identified as a group where guidance would be useful. Children and young people were therefore added to the scope.

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?

Separate recommendations will be made for people with profound hearing loss and tinnitus, people with hyperacusis and tinnitus, people with cognitive difficulties and children over 5 if the evidence allows. No groups of people with tinnitus are excluded from the guideline except children under 5 whose needs are different.

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