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NICE guidelines

Equality impact assessment

Behaviour change: digital and mobile health interventions

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

2.0 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?

During consultation, stakeholders identified the following equality issues:

- How access equity will be addressed for example those on low incomes who may not have access to:
 - the internet at home
 - a computer or mobile phone
 - a prepaid plan or data to access apps and programmes
 - a private space to use apps and programmes
- Providing interventions in a format that are appropriate for people's needs and cultural background such as access to apps in their first language if they are not fluent English speakers.
- Providing interventions that are appropriate for people's general levels of literacy and learning, including digital literacy.

Stakeholders did not ask for any specific changes or clarification to be added to the equality impact assessment in regard to these issues, however they will be considered by the committee throughout the development of the guideline.

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

No changes to the scope have been made as a result of consultation to highlight potential equality issues. The guideline committee will be provided with the equality

impact assessment and be asked to consider equality issues throughout the development of the guideline, including those highlighted by stakeholders during consultation. This consideration will be based on the evidence available, as equalities issues will be highlighted and extracted where possible/available, and from their expert perspective and experiences.

2.3 Is the primary focus of the guideline a population with a specific disability-related communication need?

If so, is an alternative version of the 'information for the public' recommended?

If so, which alternative version is recommended?

The alternative versions available are:

- large font or audio versions for a population with sight loss
- British Sign Language videos for a population deaf from birth
- 'Easy read' versions for people with learning disabilities or cognitive impairment.

The guideline does not focus on a population with a specific disability-related communication need.

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