

# NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE EXCELLENCE

## NICE guidelines

### Equality impact assessment

#### [Diabetic foot problems]

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

#### **1.0 Scope: before 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 development of the draft scope, before consultation, and, if so, what are they?

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

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?

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**2.0 Scope: after consultation (To be completed by the developer and submitted with the final scope)**

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| 2.1 Have any potential equality issues been identified during consultation, and, if so, what are they? |
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| 2.2 Have any changes to the scope been made as a result of consultation to highlight potential equality issues? |
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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' document 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 who are deaf from birth;
- 'Easy read' versions for people with learning disabilities or cognitive impairment.

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**3.0 Guideline development: before consultation (to be completed by the developer before draft guideline consultation)**

3.1 Have the potential equality issues identified during the scoping process been addressed by the Committee, and, if so, how?

3.2 Have any **other** potential equality issues (in addition to those identified during the scoping process) been identified, and, if so, how has the Committee addressed them?

3.3 Were the Committee's considerations of equality issues described in the consultation document, and, if so, where?

3.4 Do the preliminary recommendations make it more difficult in practice for a specific group to access services compared with other groups? If so, what are the barriers to, or difficulties with, access for the specific group?

3.5 Is there potential for the preliminary recommendations to have an adverse impact on people with disabilities because of something that is a consequence of the disability?

3.6 Are there any recommendations or explanations that the Committee could make to remove or alleviate barriers to, or difficulties with, access to services identified in questions 3.1, 3.2 or 3.3, or otherwise fulfil NICE's obligation to advance equality?

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#### 4.0 Final guideline (to be completed by the Developer before GE consideration of final guideline)

4.1 Have any additional potential equality issues been raised during the consultation, and, if so, how has the Committee addressed them?

The variability in practice across the UK came across through the stakeholder comments. During development of the guideline, the guideline committee (GC) took into consideration the issue of variability in practice across the UK and also how people access services. They noted that often those most at risk of diabetic foot problems present as emergencies.

The GC developed recommendations on how often people at risk of diabetic foot problems should be reviewed to reassess risk. It is hoped by developing this recommendation that it will ensure that foot care services across the country are regularly ensuring those at risk of diabetic foot problems are being monitored.

Disabled people and those who are housebound or living in care settings were identified as potentially having reduced access to services. The committee made a specific recommendation stating 'Healthcare professionals may need to discuss, agree and make special arrangements for disabled people and people who are housebound or living in care settings, to ensure equality of access to foot care assessments and treatments'.

This recommendation was made to ensure that the specific requirements of these populations can be met to ensure services are as accessible as possible and take into account different needs in terms of mobility and communication.

4.2 If the recommendations have changed after consultation, are there any recommendations that make it more difficult in practice for a specific group to access services compared with other groups? If so, what are the barriers to, or difficulties with, access for the specific group?

No known changes to recommendations have made it more difficult in practice for a specific group to access services.

4.3 If the recommendations have changed after consultation, is there potential for the recommendations to have an adverse impact on people with disabilities because of something that is a consequence of the disability?

No known changes to recommendations have an adverse impact on people with disabilities because of something that is a consequence of the disability.

4.4 If the recommendations have changed after consultation, are there any recommendations or explanations that the Committee could make to remove or alleviate barriers to, or difficulties with, access to services identified in questions 4.2, 4.3 and 4.4, or otherwise fulfil NICE's obligations to advance equality?

These have been detailed in section 4.1.

4.5 Have the Committee's considerations of equality issues been described in the final guideline document, and, if so, where?

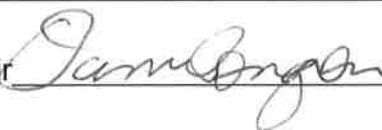
Equality considerations are embedded in the linking evidence to recommendations tables in the final guideline.

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Updated by Committee Chair



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**5.0 After Guidance Executive amendments – if applicable (To be completed by appropriate NICE staff member after Guidance Executive)**

5.1 Outline amendments agreed by Guidance Executive below, if applicable:

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