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Equality impact assessment Caesarean birth (CG132 update)

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?

Stakeholders raised concerns that women wishing to have a caesarean birth but attending a maternity unit that has a policy of declining maternal request caesarean birth, mean that women have to travel to another unit which could be a considerable distance away, and which would particularly disadvantage women with limited transport options, as well as those who did not speak fluent English, had disabilities, or did not feel confident to request a second opinion.

The maternal request section of the guideline was not included in the update, but based on these comments (and others, not specifically concerned with inequalities) the committee are requesting that NICE authorise an update of this section to address these issues.

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 changes to the recommendations have made it more difficult in practice for a specific group to access services compared with other groups.

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 changes to the recommendations have the potential to 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 4.1, 4.2 and 4.3, or otherwise fulfil NICE's obligations to advance equality?

The committee have requested that NICE authorise an update of the section on maternal request to address the issues described in 4.1

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

If an update of the maternal request section is undertaken, these issues will be described in the final guideline.

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