

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE EXCELLENCE

NICE guidelines

Equality impact assessment

Chronic pain: assessment and management

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

3.0 Guideline development: before consultation (to be completed by the Developer before consultation on the draft guideline)

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

The groups identified in the equalities impact assessment during scoping were considered through the development of the guideline, however it was agreed no separate recommendations for these groups were required.

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?

It was noted that the majority of the evidence for chronic primary pain is in women. The committee agreed that this is because fibromyalgia is more commonly diagnosed in women, however there is no reason that effectiveness of interventions would differ between males and females therefore the recommendations are not required to differ.

3.3 Have the Committee's considerations of equality issues been described in the guideline for consultation, and, if so, where?

Consideration of equalities issues has been detailed in the committee's discussion of the evidence for the recommendations on communication.

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?

No

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?

No. The guideline has recommended exercise therapies, however the recommendation includes the need to tailor this to the preferences, needs and abilities of the individual and therefore it is not expected to have an adverse impact on people with disabilities.

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?

No.

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?

Completed by Developer: Serena Carville

Date: 25 January 2020

Approved by NICE quality assurance lead: Kay Nolan

Date: 30 July 2020

