

# NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE EXCELLENCE

## NICE guidelines

### Equality impact assessment

#### Postnatal care

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

#### **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?

A stakeholder raised that more could be done to address the disparities in maternal mortality reported by the MBRRACE-UK report. The committee had previously acknowledged this issue and made a comment about it in the context section. Based on the stakeholder feedback and the MBRRACE-UK reports on maternal and perinatal mortality, the committee made a recommendation to raise awareness about the increased risk of maternal and neonatal mortality in women and in babies from black and minority ethnic background and those living in deprived areas. The recommendation highlights the disparities in the mortality rates and suggests that closer monitoring may be needed (recommendation 1.1.2, see evidence review G).

Stakeholders raised that checking for signs of jaundice should be clearly included in the recommendation about physical examination of the baby. Checking for the baby's colour of skin (as part of checking for signs of jaundice) was already included and the committee agreed to add checking for colour of sclera so babies with darker skin tones would also be covered (recommendation 1.3.3).

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No changes were made to the recommendation that would make it more difficult in practice for specific groups 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?

The changes that were made to the recommendations should not have an adverse impact on people with disabilities.

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 question 4.2, or otherwise fulfil NICE's obligations to advance equality?

Nothing has been identified that would have changed since the previous version of the guideline documents.

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

The added recommendation (1.1.2) about disproportionate mortality among certain groups of women and babies has been discussed in the committee's discussion of the evidence in evidence review G.

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