

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE EXCELLENCE

NICE guidelines

Equality impact assessment

Neonatal infection (update)

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?

No potential equality issues were raised at consultation.

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?

In response to a consultation comment, the committee included examples of changes in skin colour that could be included in information given to parents and carers on possible signs and symptoms of neonatal infection. The committee considered whether the examples would be applicable to babies of all skin colours and concluded that the examples chosen were applicable to all skin colours.

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 recommendations are not expected to 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 questions 4.1, 4.2 and 4.3, or otherwise fulfil NICE's obligations to advance equality?

No, issues have been adequately addressed in section 4.2.

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

The committee's considerations of the additional issue described in section 4.2 has been included in the 'other considerations' section of the evidence review on information and support for parents and carers. Discussion of issues that were raised before consultation are included as described in section 3.3.

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