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NICE guidelines

Equality impact assessment

Obstructive sleep apnoea/ hypopnoea syndrome and obesity hypoventilation syndrome in over 16s

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?

There were not any issues identified covered by the scope of the guideline.

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?

There may be differences between men and women in the way they present with symptoms for obstructive sleep apnoea/hypopnoea syndrome (OSAHS) and obesity hypoventilation syndrome (OHS).

People with some learning and developmental disabilities may have particular communication needs that may need consideration when completing questionnaires and when adapting to new treatments such as continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP). Taking these communication needs into account is expected to be part of standard care and so no separate recommendations have been made.

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

Yes for some research recommendations we have included both clinical and physiological phenotypes, including gender.

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?

The access to services included in the recommendations does not discriminate against any particular 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?

The draft recommendations are not considered 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?

Questionnaires are recommended for assessment. These might be difficult for people with cognitive impairment or learning disabilities to complete, however these

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are fairly simple to follow and can be adapted to the individual.

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