

**NICE guidelines**

**Equality impact assessment**

**Heart valve disease in adults: investigation and management**

**2.0 Checking for updates and scope: after consultation (to be completed by the Developer and submitted with the revised scope)**

2.1 Have any potential equality issues been identified during consultation, and, if so, what are they?

Two stakeholder comments were received regarding geographical inequalities:

‘In the UK, there are many geographical inequalities in the provision of healthcare at different points in the journey of a patient who presents with heart valve disease – from diagnosis to investigations and treatment.’

2.2 Have any changes to the scope been made as a result of consultation to highlight potential equality issues?

We have edited the equality considerations section of the scope to add geographic location as an additional category where the guideline will look at inequalities in particular. The following has been added to the bulleted list of categories:

- access to echocardiography and specialist assessment by geographic location

2.3 Is the primary focus of the guideline a population with a specific disability-related communication need?

If so, do the key messages for the public need to be produced in an alternative version?

If so, which alternative version is recommended?

The alternative versions available are:

- large font or audio versions for a population with sight loss
- British Sign Language videos for a population deaf from birth
- 'Easy read' versions for people with learning disabilities or cognitive impairment.

Does an alternative version(s) of the consultation documents also need to be produced?

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