

# NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE EXCELLENCE

## NICE guidelines

### Equality impact assessment

## Heart valve disease in adults: investigation and management

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

### **1.0 Checking for updates and scope: before scope consultation (to be completed by the Developer and submitted with the draft scope for consultation)**

1.1 Have any potential equality issues been identified during the check for an update or during development of the draft scope, and, if so, what are they?

The guideline will look at inequalities relating to:

- geographical inequalities for those who do not live close to a valve clinic
- people who use intravenous drugs
- age
- people with dementia
- people with learning disabilities.

1.2 What is the preliminary view on the extent to which these potential equality issues need addressing by the Committee? For example, if population groups, treatments or settings are excluded from the scope, are these exclusions justified – that is, are the reasons legitimate and the exclusion proportionate?

The equality issues identified above will be addressed as part of the review of the available evidence, however we do not envisage at this stage that any specific groups, treatments or settings will be excluded.

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