

# NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE EXCELLENCE

## NICE guidelines

### Equality impact assessment

#### Rehabilitation after Traumatic Injury

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?

1. Inequalities relating to geography in accessing in-patient rehabilitation.
2. How lower socio-economic groups can be disproportionately affected because of impact on family life and income.
3. Potential inequalities relating to assumptions about the rehabilitation needs of people of different ages, particularly older people.
4. People who are homeless need particular consideration re planning for discharge from hospital and community service coordination.
5. People whose first language is not English need particular consideration regarding communication, information and support.
6. Other groups for whom communication and support needs are a particular consideration: people with dementia, people with mental health problems, people with learning disabilities and people with problems related to alcohol or substance misuse.

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?

1. The guideline will take into account that services are organised differently in

different parts of the country and will consider how to reflect different commissioning models in the recommendations (for example, in rural and urban environments).

2. We will look for evidence about differential effectiveness and preferences for rehabilitation service provision across different socio-economic groups.
3. The guideline will consider recommendations covering rehabilitation service provision related to all ages, avoiding age related generalisations whilst still making age specific recommendations where necessary and appropriate.
4. The guideline will consider hospital discharge for people who are homeless.
5. The guideline will consider people whose first language isn't English in recommendations we make about communication and information sharing where this isn't already covered in existing NICE guidelines.
6. The scope has indicated that, where evidence is available, sub group analysis will be considered for people with pre-existing physical and or mental health conditions, physical and learning disability and for frail elderly people.
7. The scope has excluded specialist rehabilitation packages and programmes relating to traumatic brain injury because a separate NICE guideline will cover this and work on this will start in 2019.
8. The scope has excluded specialist rehabilitation packages and programmes relating to spinal cord injury, sight loss, hearing loss and speech loss. These are discreet specialist programmes where the need for NICE guidance was deemed as less of a priority than for other rehabilitation programmes.

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