

**NICE guidelines**

**Equality impact assessment**

**Intrapartum care**

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

**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?

- Age – stakeholders suggested that young women (aged under 21 years) may need special consideration. Antenatal care and postnatal care for women under 20 is already covered in the NICE guideline on Pregnancy and complex social factors and the NICE guideline on Postnatal care. Intrapartum care for younger women may therefore need special consideration when making recommendations.
- Domestic abuse – stakeholders suggested that women who experience or are susceptible to domestic abuse may need special consideration. Antenatal care and postnatal care for women who experience domestic abuse is already covered in the NICE guideline on Pregnancy and complex social factors and the NICE guideline on Postnatal care. Intrapartum care for women who experience abuse may therefore need special consideration when making recommendations.
- APGAR scoring of babies at birth – stakeholders suggested that use of APGAR scoring at birth is not always appropriate for babies who are not white Caucasian, and editorial amendments to the guideline are planned to overcome this problem.

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

Yes, some additional examples of groups who may need special consideration have been added to the scope.

2.3 Have any of the changes made led to a change in the primary focus of the guideline which would require consideration of a specific communication or engagement need, related to disability, age, or other equality consideration?

If so, what is it and what action might be taken by NICE or the developer to meet this need? (For example, adjustments to committee processes, additional forms of consultation)

The primary focus of the guideline has not changed to include a group which would require special consideration of a specific communication or engagement need.

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