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EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE EXCELLENCE

NICE guidelines

Equality impact assessment

Stroke rehabilitation in over 16s (update)

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?

Terminology has been altered in line with Stakeholder suggestions. Note that the change has not necessarily been precisely as indicated in section 2.2. “Hemisensory inattention” does not, on reflection, serve as a replacement for “visual neglect” since it can apply to other sensory disturbances. We have used the term “visual inattention” after discussion with Topic Advisor.

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?

- Race: A recommendation has been made to consider the use of computer-based tools as an adjunct to conventional speech and language therapy for the purpose of helping people with word finding problems. The committee have noted in the discussion that the currently available programs do not cover those whose first language is not English. The Committee have acknowledged the problem but addressing it fully will be in the hands of the program developers. However, the program which was used in the main UK study (StepbyStep) does allow personalised wording to be added and family members of the Stroke survivor

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could therefore introduce words in the required language.

- Socio-economic factors: The recommendations on use of telerehabilitation will be easier to implement for people who can afford home computers or already possess one. It is also noted however, that for some people the cost of this will be offset by the removal of the need to travel to receive the relevant therapy. It will be necessary to weigh these factors against one another in individual cases.

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

Described in the "Other considerations to committee took into account" in the relevant evidence reviews.

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?

As covered in section 3.2 above

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?

We do not think so

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None

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