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NICE guidelines

Equality impact assessment

Preterm labour and birth

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

1.0 Scope: before 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 development of the draft scope, before consultation, and, if so, what are they?

(Please specify if the issue has been highlighted by a stakeholder)

Please see separate document for this section.

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?

Please see separate document for this section.

2.0 Scope: after consultation (To be completed by the developer and submitted with the final scope)

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

Please see separate document for this section.

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

Please see separate document for this section.

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

If so, is an alternative version of the 'Information for the Public' document recommended?

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 who are deaf from birth;
- 'Easy read' versions for people with learning disabilities or cognitive impairment.

Please see separate document for this section.

Guideline development: before consultation (to be completed by the developer before draft guideline consultation)

3.1 Have the potential equality issues identified during the scoping process been addressed by the Committee, and, if so, how?

The recommendations have been drafted to apply to all groups of women equally. The Committee does not anticipate any group of women to be disadvantaged in terms of equality issues from the recommendations drafted for this guideline.

The Committee followed the suggestions from the stakeholders in the scoping stage and recommendations on additional information and support were supported for women at increased risk of preterm labour with suspected, diagnosed or established preterm labour or having a planned preterm birth. The recommendations supported the provision of information in different formats (for example both oral and written information) and following the principles in the NICE guideline on patient experience in adult NHS services to address any equality issues.

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?

No further issues were identified

3.3 Were the Committee's considerations of equality issues described in the consultation document, and, if so, where?

These issues were described in the relevant review protocols and the link evidence to recommendations section in the full guideline.

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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?

None

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?

No

3.6 Are there any recommendations or explanations that the Committee could make to remove or alleviate barriers to, or difficulties with, access to services identified in questions 3.1, 3.2 or 3.3, or otherwise fulfil NICE's obligation to advance equality?

No

4.0 Final guideline (to be completed by the Developer before GE consideration of final guideline)

4.1 Have any additional potential equality issues been raised during the consultation, and, if so, how has the Committee addressed them?

No further issues were identified.

4.2 If the recommendations have changed after consultation, are there any recommendations that 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?

No

4.3 If the recommendations have changed after consultation, is there potential for the recommendations to have an adverse impact on people with disabilities because of something that is a consequence of the disability?

No

4.4 If the recommendations have changed after consultation, are there any recommendations or explanations that the Committee could make to remove or alleviate barriers to, or difficulties with, access to services identified in questions 4.2, 4.3 and 4.4, or otherwise fulfil NICE's obligations to advance equality?

No

4.5 Have the Committee's considerations of equality issues been described in the final guideline document, and, if so, where?

These equality issues identified at the scoping stage of guideline development were described in the relevant review protocols and the link evidence to recommendations section in the information and support chapter of the full guideline.