

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE EXCELLENCE

Equality impact assessment

Preterm labour and birth (update)

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?

The recommendations should not disadvantage women who have learning difficulties or difficulty communicating in English, and advice and information may need to be provided in alternative formats for these groups of women. Recommendations to this effect are included in the information and support section of the guideline (which has not been updated) and which includes a link to the NICE guideline on patient experience in adult NHS services.

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.

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

N/A

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?

No.

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?

The guideline section on support and information giving (which has not been updated) already includes a cross-reference to the patient experience guideline which advises ensuring information is in an appropriate format.

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