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NICE guidelines

Equality impact assessment

Sepsis: the recognition, diagnosis and management of sepsis

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 draft guideline consultation)

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

Yes. The GDG considered all groups of people at higher risk of infection and made separate recommendations where appropriate.

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?

The GDG recognised that history taking is very important in the process of identifying sepsis, and that people with communication difficulties or those who do not speak English may not be able to give a history. The GDG made a recommendation to highlight this to healthcare professionals.

The GDG recognised that intravenous drug users can be at increased risk of infection due to needle sharing and made a recommendation about this.

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

No

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?

No

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