

# NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE EXCELLENCE

## NICE guidelines

### Equality impact assessment

#### **Mental health of adults in contact with the criminal justice system: Identification and management of mental health problems and integration of care for adults in contact with the criminal justice system**

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

#### **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?

Stakeholders have commented that there is a legal obligation for reasonable adjustments to be made for people with mental health conditions, initially under the Disability Discrimination Act and now under the Equality Act 2010. In the guideline we have therefore updated recommendation 1.2.3 to specify reasonable adjustment needs to be made to take into account any literacy difficulties.

Stakeholders have also commented that reasonable adjustments are needed to help people understand information. In recommendation 1.1.2 we highlight that people who use this guideline should take into account any language, literacy or information processing needs.

We also direct people to the Mental Health in Learning Disability Guideline for further advice on the identification and support of adults who have mental health problems and learning disabilities.

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?

We do not believe that any recommendations in the guideline make it more difficult in practice for a specific group to access services compared with other groups

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?

We do not believe so

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 4.1, 4.2 and 4.3, or otherwise fulfil NICE's obligations to advance equality?

We do not believe that the changes to recommendations are likely to result in any barriers to or difficulties with access to services.

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

The GCs considerations of equality issues have been documented in the 'Evidence to Recommendation' sections of the guideline, where relevant.

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