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NICE guidelines

Equality impact assessment

Faltering growth

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?

A stakeholder raised a potential equality issue related to 'parents with vegan diets and parents with culturally different food patterns'. This stakeholder suggested that there is currently a lack of sympathy with, and understanding of such groups of parents.

The stakeholder was directed to the two relevant discussion sections where we had already highlighted the individualised approach to care which should take into account issues such as cultural background. We have now also added to one of these sections in the 'information and support' chapter that such an individualised approach should also take into account the particular food choices that are made by the family.

Geographic inequalities related to access to 'individuals with training and expertise' related to observation of feeding was also raised as an issue by another stakeholder.

We explained that the guideline aims to address such equalities by making these recommendations since in the implementation process access to such individuals should become standard care.

A stakeholder commented that guidance on obtaining 'mid-parental' height could discriminate against adoptive, foster or same sex parents who are not biologically related to the child.

The recommendation was reworded and now reads '.....if possible obtain the biological parents' heights....' to address this comment.

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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?

None such groups were identified.

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?

Not applicable.

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

The tailored / individualised approach to assessment, interventions and support has been highlighted in recommendations as well as in the 'evidence to recommendations' sections of the full guideline.

We have also considered these issues during the development of the guideline by looking for specific evidence for groups where there may be equality

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considerations. This is described in the evidence review protocols (see Appendix D).

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