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NICE guidelines Equality impact assessment

Macular degeneration: diagnosis and management of age-related macular degeneration

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?

During scoping 6 areas were identified as having potential equality issues. People who;

1. Have other comorbidities that affect visual function
2. Have impaired cognitive function
3. Have impaired mobility
4. Have multi-sensory loss (for, example reduced hearing or deafness) and low socio-economic status
5. Do not speak English
6. Are housebound or in residential care

As noted previously there was a lack of evidence to support these areas however the guideline committee has addressed these areas as follows:

A specific review question explored the barriers to and facilitators of attendance at treatment appointments. This led to recommendations that tailored, accessible information should be provided to people with AMD, and that peer support should be promoted.

The guideline committee recognise that self-monitoring will be difficult for certain groups of people. For example, those with reduced cognitive function may be less able to recognise changes in vision. The committee discussed how these barriers

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could be managed, through providing advice to carers to be alert to behaviour that may indicate a change in vision, for example a person not being able to do something that they could before.

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 potential equality issues have been identified during development of the guideline.

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

The committee's considerations of equality issues are described in the full guideline particularly in the linking to evidence tables.

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?

The draft recommendations do not make it more difficult in practice for any specific group to access services.

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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