

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE EXCELLENCE

QUALITY STANDARD TOPIC OVERVIEW

1 Quality standard title

Domestic violence

2 Introduction

2.1 *NICE quality standards*

NICE quality standards are a concise set of prioritised statements designed to drive measurable quality improvements within a particular area of health or care.

The standards are derived from high-quality guidance, such as that from NICE or [accredited](#) by NICE. They are developed independently by NICE, in collaboration with health, public health and social care practitioners, their partners and service users. Information on priority areas, people's experience of using services, safety issues, equality and cost impact are considered during the development process.

NICE quality standards are central to supporting the Government's vision for a health and social care system that is focused on delivering the best possible outcomes for people who use services, as detailed in the [Health and Social Care Act \(2012\)](#).

The quality standard development process is described in detail on the [NICE website](#).

2.2 *This topic overview*

This topic overview describes core elements of the quality standard. These include the population and topic to be covered, key source guidance to be used to underpin potential quality statements, any related quality standards,

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published current practice information and national or routine indicators and performance measures.

If the source guidance is not NICE guidance, it should meet the minimum quality criteria defined in NICE's [accreditation programme](#).

3 This quality standard

This quality standard is expected to publish in October 2015.

3.1 Population and topic to be covered

The term domestic violence and abuse is used to mean any incident or pattern of incidents of controlling behaviour, coercive behaviour or threatening behaviour, violence or abuse between family members or who are, or have been, intimate partners. This includes psychological, physical, sexual, financial and emotional abuse. It also includes 'honour'-based violence and forced marriage. This quality standard will cover:

- adults and young people who are experiencing (or have experienced) domestic violence
- adults and young people who are perpetrating domestic violence.
- children and young people who are affected by domestic violence (that is, the violence is not perpetrated on them directly, but they witness or experience it), including those who are taken into care
- the general population (for the purposes of prevention generally).

This quality standard will not cover children who experience domestic violence perpetrated on them directly as this will be addressed in a future quality standard for [child abuse and neglect](#).

3.2 Key development sources (NICE and NICE-accredited sources)

Primary source

- [Domestic violence and abuse](#) (2014) NICE guideline PH50

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Other sources that may be used

- None identified

Key policy documents, reports and national audits

Relevant policy documents, reports and national audits will be used to inform the development of the quality standard.

- Department of Health (2014) [Fundamental standards for health and social care providers.](#)
- Home Office (2014) [A call to end violence against women and girls: action plan 2014.](#)
- Health and Social Care Information Centre (2014) [Abuse of vulnerable adults in England 2012-13, Final report, Experimental statistics.](#)
- Welsh Government (2014) [Building effective responses: an independent review of violence against women, domestic abuse and sexual violence services in Wales.](#)
- Early Intervention Foundation (2014) [Early intervention in domestic violence and abuse.](#)
- Office for National Statistics (2014) [Intimate personal violence and partner abuse.](#)
- Social Care Institute for Excellence (SCIE) [Safeguarding and quality in commissioning care homes: Legislative and policy framework](#)
- Women's Aid Federation of England (2014) [National quality standards for services supporting women and children survivors of domestic violence.](#)
- Health and Social Care Information Centre (2014) [Safeguarding adults return, Annual Report, England 2013-14, Experimental statistics.](#)
- Women's Aid (2013) [Annual Survey 2013: Domestic violence services.](#)
- Home Office (2013) [Briefing on ending violence against women and girls.](#)
- Office for National Statistics (2013) [Focus on: violent crime and sexual offences 2011/12.](#)
- Home Office (2012) [Domestic violence disclosure scheme guidance.](#)
- Royal College of General Practitioners/IRIS/CAADA (2012) [Responding to domestic abuse: guidance for general practices.](#)

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- Royal College of General Practitioners (2011) [Commissioning Guidance: The IRIS solution – responding to domestic violence and abuse in general practice](#).
- Home Office (2011) [Supporting high risk victims of domestic violence](#).
- Department of Health (2011) [Safeguarding adults: the role of health services](#).
- Home Office (2010) [Teenage relationship abuse](#).
- Department of Health (2010) [Improving services for women and child victims of violence; The Department of Health Action Plan](#).
- Home Office (2010) [Call to end violence against women and girls: strategic vision](#).
- Department of Health (2009) [Improving safety, reducing harm: children, young people and domestic violence: a practical toolkit for front-line practitioners](#).

3.3 Related NICE quality standards

Published

- [Head injury](#) (2014) NICE quality standard 74.
- [Depression in children and young people](#) (2013) NICE quality standard 48.
- [The health and wellbeing of looked-after children and young people](#) (2013) NICE quality standard 31.
- [Drug use disorders](#) (2012) NICE quality standard 23.
- [Patient experience in adult NHS services](#) (2012) NICE quality standard 15.
- [Alcohol dependence and harmful alcohol use](#) (2011) NICE quality standard 11.

In development

- [Alcohol: preventing harmful alcohol use in the community](#) Publication expected December 2014.
- [Personality disorders \(borderline and antisocial\)](#) Publication expected May 2015.

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Future quality standards

This quality standard will be developed in the context of all quality standards referred to NICE, including the following quality standards scheduled for future development:

- Acute medical admissions in the first 48 hours
- Child abuse and neglect
- Community engagement: effective strategies for behaviour change
- Drug misuse prevention
- Early years: promoting health and well-being in the early years, including those in complex families
- Fractures (excluding head and hip)
- Major trauma
- Out of hours care
- Readmission to ICU within 48 hours
- Resuscitation following major trauma and major blood loss
- Suicide prevention
- Trauma services
- Urgent and emergency care

The full list of quality standard topics referred to NICE is available from the [quality standard topic library](#) on the NICE website.

4 Existing indicators

- Department of Health (2014) [Public Health Outcomes Framework 2013 to 2016](#) 1.11 Domestic abuse
- Department of Health (2014) [Public Health Outcomes Framework 2013 to 2016](#) 1.12 Violent crime (including sexual violence).
- Department of Health (2014) [The Adult Social Care Outcomes Framework 2014/15](#) 4A The proportion of people who use services who feel safe.
- Department of Health (2014) [The Adult Social Care Outcomes Framework 2014/15](#) 4B The proportion of people who use services who say that those services have made them feel safe and secure.

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5 Further information

See the NICE website for more information about [NICE quality standards](#) and the [progress of this quality standard](#).