

# NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE EXCELLENCE

## QUALITY STANDARD TOPIC OVERVIEW

### 1 Quality standard title

Multimorbidity

### 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,

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 June 2017.

#### **3.1 Population and topic to be covered**

This quality standard covers the clinical assessment, prioritisation and management of health care for adults with 2 or more long-term health conditions (multimorbidity). At least 1 of these conditions must be a physical health condition.

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

##### **Primary source**

- [Multimorbidity: clinical assessment and management](#) (2016) NICE guideline NG56

##### **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) [Better care for people with 2 or more long term conditions](#)
- Health Committee (2014) [Clinical care for people with long-term conditions](#)
- The Kings Fund (2014) [Bringing together physical and mental health. A new frontier for integrated care](#)
- Royal College of General Practitioners (2013) [Managing multi-morbidity in practice...what lessons can be learnt from the care of people with COPD and co-morbidities?](#)
- The Kings Fund (2012) [Long-term conditions and multi-morbidity](#)

- The Kings Fund (2012) [Long-term conditions and mental health. The cost of co-morbidities](#)
- The Kings Fund (2010) [The management of long-term conditions](#)

### **3.3 Related NICE quality standards**

#### **Published**

- [Social care for older people with multiple long-term conditions](#) (2016) NICE quality standard 132.
- [Medicines optimisation](#) (2016) NICE quality standard 120.
- [Patient experience in adult NHS services](#) (2012) NICE quality standard 15.
- [Service user experience in adult mental health services](#) (2011) NICE quality standard 14.

#### **In development**

- [Transition between inpatient hospital settings and community or care home settings for adults with social care needs.](#) Publication expected September 2016.

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**

- Health and Social Care Information Centre [NHS outcomes framework 2016–17](#)

## **5 Further information**

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