

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE EXCELLENCE

QUALITY STANDARD TOPIC OVERVIEW

1 Quality standard title

HIV Testing: encouraging uptake

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 August 2017.

3.1 Population and topic to be covered

This quality standard will cover interventions to improve the uptake of HIV testing. It will include people who have not been diagnosed with HIV and:

- who live in areas or communities with a high prevalence of HIV
- whose lifestyle or sexual behaviour puts (or has put) them at risk
- who have an illness that may be indicative of HIV infection.

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

Primary sources

- [HIV testing: increasing uptake among people who may have undiagnosed HIV](#) NICE guideline expected 1 December 2016. This guideline will update and replace NICE's guidelines on [HIV testing: increasing uptake in black Africans](#) and [HIV testing: increasing uptake in men who have sex with men](#) (NICE guidelines PH33 and PH34).

We are aware that publication of the final guideline occurs during this engagement exercise. At this stage, stakeholders are asked to suggest key areas for quality improvement using either the draft or final guideline.

Other sources that may be used

- [Sexually transmitted infections and under-18 conceptions: prevention](#) (2007) NICE guideline PH3

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.

- Public Health England (2016) [HIV diagnoses, late diagnoses and numbers accessing treatment and care: 2016 report](#)
- Public Health England (2015) [Health promotion for sexual and reproductive health and HIV. Strategic action plan, 2016 to 2019](#)
- Public Health England (2015) [HIV in the UK: situation report 2015](#)
- Public Health England (2014) [Improving testing rates for blood-borne viruses in prisons and other secure settings](#)
- Public Health England (2014) [Making it work: a guide to whole system commissioning for sexual health, reproductive health and HIV](#)
- Department of Health (2013) [A framework for sexual health improvement in England](#)
- Halve It (2013) [Early testing saves lives: HIV is a public health priority](#)
- Department of Health (2011) [No vaccine, no cure: HIV and AIDS: government response](#)

3.3 *Related NICE quality standards*

Published

- [Drug use disorders in adults](#) (2012) NICE quality standard 23
- [Patient experience in adult NHS services](#) (2012) NICE quality standard 15

In development

- [Physical health of people in prison](#) Publication expected September 2017.

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:

- Reducing sexually transmitted infections
- Sexual health across the life course

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 and Public Health England [Public Health Outcomes Framework 2016 to 2019](#) 3.04 People presenting with HIV at a late stage of infection.
- Public Health England [Health Profiles](#) HIV testing uptake, HIV testing coverage and new HIV diagnosis rate.

5 Further information

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