

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE EXCELLENCE

NICE quality standards

Equality impact assessment

End of life care for infants, children and young adults

The impact on equality has been assessed during quality standard development according to the principles of the NICE equality policy.

1. TOPIC ENGAGEMENT STAGE

1.1 Have any potential equality issues been identified during this stage of the development process? How have they been addressed?
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No specific equality issues have been identified at this stage.

1.2 Have any population groups, treatments or settings been excluded from coverage by the quality standard at this stage in the process. Are these exclusions justified – that is, are the reasons legitimate and the exclusion proportionate?
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The quality standard will cover end of life care for infants, children and young people aged up to 18 years who have a life-limiting condition. It will also cover providing support to family members and carers.
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End of life care for adults 18 years and over is addressed by separate quality standard.
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Approved by NICE quality assurance lead: Nick Baillie

Date 09.12.2016

2. PRE-CONSULTATION STAGE

2.1 Have any potential equality issues been identified during the development of the quality standard (including those identified during the topic engagement process)? How have they been addressed?

The QSAC noted comments from the stakeholder engagement exercise on limited access to specific education for staff on how to support parents and carers of children and young people with a life-limiting conditions who have a learning disability that means they have difficulties understanding information given to them about bereavement support. Statements 3 and 5 aim to ensure all children and young people and their parents and carers receive the emotional and psychological support that they require according to their needs.

2.2 Have any changes to the scope of the quality standard been made as a result of topic engagement to highlight potential equality issues?

No changes have been made to the scope of the quality standard at this stage.

2.3 Do the draft quality statements 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?

No.

2.4 Is there potential for the draft quality statements to have an adverse impact on people with disabilities because of something that is a consequence of the disability?

No.

2.5 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 2.1, 2.2 or 2.3, or otherwise fulfil NICE's obligation to advance equality?

No.

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Date 10.04.2017

Post-consultation stage

3. Final quality standard

3.1 Have any additional potential equality issues been raised during the consultation stage, and, if so, how has the committee addressed them?

N/A

3.2 If the quality statements have changed after the consultation stage, are there any 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?

The QSAC agreed to add infants to statement 3 and focus statement 4 on infants, children and young people with life limiting conditions being cared for by a multidisciplinary team which includes the specialist paediatric palliative care team. However these changes do not affect access for specific groups.

3.3 If the quality statements 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

3.4 If the quality statements 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 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3, or otherwise fulfil NICE's obligations to advance equality?

No

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Date 15/06/2017

Approved by NICE quality assurance lead _____

Date _____

4. After Guidance Executive amendments

4.1 Outline amendments agreed by Guidance Executive below, if applicable:

Not applicable. Guidance Executive did not require any changes.

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