

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE EXCELLENCE

QUALITY STANDARD TOPIC OVERVIEW

1 Quality standard title

Hearing loss in adults

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 July 2019.

3.1 Population and topic to be covered

This quality standard will cover the assessment and management of hearing loss in adults.

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

Primary source

- [Hearing loss in adults: assessment and management](#) (2018) NICE guideline NG98.

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.

- NHS England (2017) [What Works Guides- Action Plan on Hearing Loss](#)
- NHS England (2016) [Prevalence of hearing loss by CCG area](#) (2014 ONS estimates)
- NHS England (2016) [Commissioning Services for People with Hearing Loss: A framework for clinical commissioning groups](#)
- NHS England and Department of Health (2015) [Action Plan on Hearing Loss](#)
- Welsh Government (2015) [Mapping of Quality Standards for Adult Hearing Rehabilitation Services 2016 to Health and Care Standards](#)
- Action on Hearing Loss (2015) [Hearing Matters](#)
- Department of Health and Social Care (2011) [Operational Guidance to the NHS- extending patient choice of provider](#)
- NHS Digital (2010) [People registered as Deaf or Hard of Hearing- England](#) (Year ending 31 March 2010)

3.3 Related NICE quality standards

In March 2012, the Department of Health and Social Care referred a library of quality standard topics for the NHS to NICE for development.

This quality standard will be developed in the context of all topics in the NICE [library of quality standards](#). Hearing loss is relevant to a wide range of conditions and diseases and a range of equality groups and general health and wellbeing.

Published

- [Mental wellbeing of older people in care homes](#) (2013) NICE quality standard 50.
- [Patient experience in adult NHS services](#) (2012) NICE quality standard 15.

Future quality standards

- [Tinnitus](#). Publication date to be confirmed

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

4 Further information

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

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