

# NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE EXCELLENCE

## QUALITY STANDARD TOPIC OVERVIEW

### 1 Quality standard title

Coexisting severe mental illness and substance misuse

### 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.

### 3 This quality standard

This quality standard is expected to publish in September 2019.

NICE quality standard: Coexisting severe mental illness and substance misuse  
(October 2018)

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

This quality standard will cover the assessment, management and care provided to people aged 14 and above who have coexisting severe mental illness and substance misuse.

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

#### **Primary source**

- [Coexisting severe mental illness and substance misuse: community health and social care services](#) (2016) NICE guideline NG58
- [Coexisting severe mental illness \(psychosis\) and substance misuse: assessment and management in healthcare settings](#) (2011) NICE guideline CG120

#### **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 (2018) [Alcohol and drug prevention, treatment and recovery: why invest?](#)
- Healthcare Quality Improvement Partnership (2018) [National Clinical Audit of Psychosis: Core Audit Report 2018](#)
- Public Health England (2018) [Co-occurring substance misuse and mental health issues tool](#)
- Public Health England (2018) [People with co-occurring conditions: commission and provide services](#)
- NHS England (2017) [Next steps on the NHS Five Year Forward View; mental health](#)
- Public Health England (2017) [Alcohol and drug misuse and treatment statistics](#)
- Public Health England (2017) [Better care for people with co-occurring mental health and alcohol/drug use conditions: A guide for commissioners and service providers](#)

### **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](#) and is particularly relevant to:

#### **Published**

- [Drug misuse prevention](#) (2018) NICE quality standard 165
- [Transition between inpatient mental health settings and community or care home settings](#) (2017) NICE quality standard 159
- [Transition from children's to adults' services](#) (2016) NICE quality standard 140
- [Bipolar disorder, psychosis and schizophrenia in children and young people](#) (2015) NICE quality standard 102
- [Psychosis and schizophrenia in adults](#) (2015) NICE quality standard 80
- [Drug use disorders in adults](#) (2012) NICE quality standard 23
- [Service user experience in adult mental health services](#) (2011) NICE quality standard 14
- [Alcohol-use disorders: diagnosis and management](#) (2011) NICE quality standard 11

#### **Future quality standards**

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

- Safe prescribing and withdrawal management of prescribed drugs associated with dependence and withdrawal

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

- [The percentage of patients with schizophrenia, bipolar affective disorder and other psychoses who have a record of alcohol consumption in the preceding 15 months](#)  
(2010) NICE QOF indicator NM15

## 5 Further information

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

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