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QUALITY STANDARD TOPIC OVERVIEW

1. Quality standard title

Faltering growth

1. Introduction
   * 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](http://www.nice.org.uk/About/What-we-do/Accreditation) 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)](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2012/7/contents/enacted).

The quality standard development process is described in detail on the [NICE website](http://www.nice.org.uk/Standards-and-Indicators/Developing-NICE-quality-standards).

* + 1. 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.

1. This quality standard

This quality standard is expected to publish in June 2020.

* + 1. Population and topic to be covered

This quality standard will cover the recognition and management of faltering growth in infants and preschool children.

* + 1. Key development sources (NICE and NICE-accredited sources)

### Primary source

* [Faltering growth: recognition and management of faltering growth in children](https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng75) (2018) NICE guideline NG75

### 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.

* Shields Brian, Wacogne Ian, Wright Charlotte M (2012) [Weight faltering and failure to thrive in infancy and early childhood](https://www.scie-socialcareonline.org.uk/weight-faltering-and-failure-to-thrive-in-infancy-and-early-childhood/r/a1CG0000000GQpUMAW)
* Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (2011) [UK-WHO growth charts - neonatal and infant close monitoring (NICM)](https://www.rcpch.ac.uk/resources/uk-who-growth-charts-neonatal-infant-close-monitoring-nicm)
* Scientific Advisory Committee on Nutrition (2011) [SACN Early Life Nutrition Report](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/sacn-early-life-nutrition-report)
* Department of Health and Social care (2009) [Healthy Child Programme: Pregnancy and the First 5 Years of Life](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/healthy-child-programme-pregnancy-and-the-first-5-years-of-life)
  + 1. 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](http://www.nice.org.uk/Standards-and-Indicators/Developing-NICE-quality-standards-/Quality-standards-topic-library). Faltering growth is relevant to a range of equality groups and general health and wellbeing.

### Published

* [Developmental follow-up of children and young people born preterm](https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/qs169) (2018) NICE quality standard 169
* [Early years: promoting health and wellbeing in under 5s](https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/qs128) (2016) NICE quality standard 128
* [Gastro-oesophageal reflux in children and young people](https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/qs112) (2016) NICE quality standard 112
* [Maternal and child nutrition](https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/qs98) (2015) NICE quality standard 98
* [Postnatal care](https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/qs37) (2015) NICE quality standard 37

### 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:

* Infant, children and young people's experience of health care

The full list of quality standard topics referred to NICE is available from the [quality standard topic library](http://www.nice.org.uk/Standards-and-Indicators/Developing-NICE-quality-standards-/Quality-standards-topic-library) on the NICE website.

1. Existing indicators

* The NHS Digital [Community Services Data Set](https://digital.nhs.uk/data-and-information/information-standards/information-standards-and-data-collections-including-extractions/publications-and-notifications/standards-and-collections/scci1069-community-services-data-set#current-release)

1. Further information

See the NICE website for more information about [NICE quality standards](http://www.nice.org.uk/standards-and-indicators) and the [progress of this quality standard](https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/indevelopment/gid-qs10083).

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