

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE EXCELLENCE

QUALITY STANDARD TOPIC OVERVIEW

1 Quality standard title

Schizophrenia 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

The development of the quality standard will begin in May 2014 and is expected to take 10 months to complete.

3.1 Population and topic to be covered

This quality standard will cover the identification, treatment and management of psychosis and schizophrenia (including related psychotic disorders such as schizoaffective disorder, schizophreniform disorder and delusional disorder) in adults (18 years and older) with onset before the age of 60 years in primary, secondary and community care.

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

Primary source

- [Psychosis and schizophrenia in adults](#). NICE clinical guideline 178 (2014).

Other sources that may be used

- [Management of schizophrenia](#). SIGN guideline 131 (2013).

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.

- [Report of the National Audit of Schizophrenia \(NAS\) 2012](#). Royal College of Psychiatrists (2012).
- [No health without mental health: implementation framework](#). Department of Health (2012).
- [The Abandoned Illness](#). The Schizophrenia Commission (2012).

3.3 Related NICE quality standards

Published

- [Anxiety disorders](#). NICE quality standard 53 (2014).
- [Smoking cessation – supporting people to stop smoking](#). NICE quality standard 43 (2013).
- [Drug use disorders](#). NICE quality standard 23 (2012).
- [Patient experience in adult NHS services](#). NICE quality standard 15 (2012).
- [Service user experience in adult mental health](#). NICE quality standard 14 (2011).
- [Depression in adults](#). NICE quality standard 8 (2011).
- [Diabetes in adults](#). NICE quality standard 6 (2011).

In development

- None identified.

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:

- Bipolar disorder (adults)
- Bipolar disorder (children and young people)
- Lipid modification
- Medicines optimisation (covering medicines adherence and safe prescribing)
- Mental health problems in people with learning disability
- Personality disorders (borderline and antisocial)
- Recognition and management of psychosis in children and young people

4 Existing indicators

- QOF MH001. [The contractor establishes and maintains a registers of patients with schizophrenia, bipolar affective disorder and others psychoses and other patients on lithium therapy.](#)

- QOF MH002. [The percentage of patients with schizophrenia, bipolar affective disorder and other psychoses who have a comprehensive care plan documented in the record, in the preceding 12 months, agreed between individuals, their family and/or carers as appropriate.](#)
- QOF MH003. [The percentage of patients with schizophrenia, bipolar affective disorder and other psychoses who have a record of blood pressure in the preceding 15 months.](#) NICE Menu: NM17
- QOF MH007. [The percentage of patients with schizophrenia, bipolar affective disorder and other psychoses who have a record of alcohol consumption in the preceding 15 months.](#) NICE Menu: NM15
- QOF MH008. [The percentage of patients \(aged from 25 to 64 in England and Northern Ireland, from 20 to 60 in Scotland and from 20 to 64 in Wales\) with schizophrenia, bipolar affective disorder and other psychoses whose notes record that a cervical screening test has been performed in the preceding 5 years.](#) NICE Menu: NM20
- QOF MH009. [The percentage of patients on lithium therapy with a record of serum creatinine and TSH in the preceding 9 months.](#) NICE Menu: NM21
- QOF MH010. [The percentage of patients on lithium therapy with a record of lithium levels in the therapeutic range in the preceding 4 months.](#) NICE Menu: NM22
- QOF SMOK002. [The percentage of patients with any or any combination of the following conditions: CHD, PAD, stroke or TIA, hypertension, diabetes, COPD, CKD, asthma, schizophrenia, bipolar affective disorder or other psychoses whose notes record smoking status in the preceding 15 months.](#) NICE Menu: NM38
- QOF SMOK005. [The percentage of patients with any or any combination of the following conditions: CHD, PAD, stroke or TIA, hypertension, diabetes, COPD, CKD, asthma, schizophrenia, bipolar affective disorder or other psychoses who smoke whose notes contain a record of an offer of support and treatment within the preceding 15 months.](#) NICE Menu: NM39
- NICE Menu: NM18. [The percentage of patients aged 40 and over with schizophrenia, bipolar affective disorder and other psychoses who have a record of total cholesterol: hdl ratio in the preceding 15 months.](#)

- NICE Menu: NM20. [The percentage of patients with schizophrenia, bipolar affective disorder and other psychoses who have a record of BMI in the preceding 15 months.](#)
- NICE Menu: NM42. [The percentage of patients aged 40 and over with schizophrenia, bipolar affective disorder and other psychoses who have a record of blood glucose level in the preceding 15 months.](#)

5 Further information

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