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Primary Care Quality and Outcomes Framework Indicator Advisory Committee recommendations

Indicator area: Diabetes Mellitus

Recommended Indicator:

The percentage of male patients with diabetes with a record of being asked about erectile dysfunction in the preceding 15 months

Background

The Primary Care Quality and Outcomes Framework (QOF) Indicator Advisory Committee (AC) met in June 2012 to consider information on the prioritisation of potential indicators for inclusion in the NICE menu for 2013/14. This included results of the NICE-led public consultation, results from indicator development and pilot feedback, cost effectiveness evidence and equality impact assessment. This report is taken from the full unconfirmed minutes of this two day meeting.

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Wording of the piloted indicator presented to the June 2012 AC:

The percentage of male patients with diabetes with a record of being asked about erectile dysfunction in the preceding 15 months

The Committee discussed the intended frequency of the two indicators and agreed that annually was appropriate as circumstances may change over the course of a year so it is necessary to review. This timeframe also keeps the indicators in line with NICE guidelines. The Committee also agreed that there should not be a lower age limit. NICE external contractors confirmed that

there was support during piloting for there being no lower age limit. The Committee also agreed that the two indicators should remain separate and not combined. There was a query raised over whether the actions being incentivised were already being done. In general it was felt that this was not the case and these indicators are of value. The Committee also discussed the difficulties in approaching the subject with patients but did not these difficulties were sufficient to prevent the indicators being progressed.

QOF Indicator Advisory Committee final recommendation

The Committee recommended that both indicators be progressed for inclusion on the NICE menu for consideration for QOF.