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## Indicator Equality Impact Assessment

### Topic: Mental health: physical health checks

- 1.1 Have any potential equality issues been identified during the development process?

At consultation a stakeholder noted that people with severe mental illness have a higher prevalence of speech, language and communication needs therefore communication needs need to be considered to ensure that the person can understand the health checks.

It was also highlighted at consultation that people with severe mental illness can be difficult to reach. It is therefore important that practices ensure they work with the person to encourage them to engage.

- 1.2 Have any population groups, treatments or settings been excluded from coverage by the indicator? Are these exclusions justified – that is, are the reasons legitimate and the exclusion proportionate?

Children and young people under 18 years are not included in the indicator. This population will be treated under different pathways.

Adults in remission from severe mental illness will be removed from the indicator via a personalised care adjustment as annual physical health checks may no longer be required.

Adults with other mental health conditions, such as personality disorder, are not included in the indicator as these checks are not recommended annually by NICE guidance for this population.

- 1.3 Does the indicator make it more difficult in practice for a specific group to access services compared with other groups? If so, what are the barriers to, or difficulties with, access for the specific group?

None identified.

1.4 Is there potential for the indicator to have an adverse impact on people with disabilities because of something that is a consequence of the disability?

None identified.

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