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# IND 273 Asthma: annual review

The considerations and potential impact on equality and health inequalities have been considered throughout the indicator development, process according to the principles of the NICE equality policy and those outlined in [Indicators process guide](https://www.nice.org.uk/standards-and-indicators/indicators#how-we-develop-indicators).

# STAGE 2. Final indicator

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| * 1. How inclusive was the consultation process on the draft indicator in terms of response from groups (identified in box 1.2) who may experience inequalities related to the topic?
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| No consultation was undertaken for this indicator update as it is an alignment with the new [BTS, NICE and SIGN guideline on asthma (NG245)](https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng245). |

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| * 1. Have any **further** equality and health inequalities issues beyond those identified at topic engagement and during development been raised during the consultation on the draft indicator, and, if so, how has the committee considered and addressed them?
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| Children under 5 years old have been excluded from this indicator due to difficulties in diagnosing asthma in under 5s.The new guideline also highlighted that:* There is a need for consistent, effectively communicated information for people of South Asian origin
* People with cognitive impairment, learning disabilities, people with language and communication difficulties and people with mental health difficulties may need additional help with their self-management to improve factors such as inhaler technique and adherence.
* Adherence to medication can be more difficult for people experiencing homelessness.

The need to provide culturally appropriate care and care for people who may need additional support is included within the indicator as it highlights the need for a personalised action plan. |

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| * 1. If the indicator has changed after consultation, how could these changes impact on equality and health inequalities issues?
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| The indicator has been updated to remove the requirement to use validated asthma control questionnaires because it is based on a ‘consider’ recommendation in the new guideline. It is not expected that these changes will impact on equality and health inequality issues.  |

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| * 1. Following the consultation on the draft indicator and response to question 3.2, have there been any further committee considerations of equality and health inequalities issues across the four dimensions that have been reflected in the final indicator?
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| No further equality issues were discussed by the indicator advisory committee. |

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| * 1. Please provide a summary of the key equality and health inequalities issues that should be highlighted in the guidance executive report before sign-off of the final indicator.
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| No equalities issues need to be highlighted in the guidance executive report. |

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