

## Consultation on Surveillance proposal to withdraw recommendations

### Background

NICE recently [consulted](#) on a proposal not to update two guidelines in the theme of cardiovascular disease (CVD) prevention. Following that consultation NICE are now proposing to withdraw some recommendations from one of those guidelines ([PH25](#)).

### Proposal

#### Cardiovascular disease prevention (PH25)

- We propose to withdraw the recommendations 1 to 12 of NICE guideline on [Cardiovascular disease prevention](#) (PH25). [Recommendations for policy: a national framework for action](#).

### Reason for the decision

During the surveillance review of [Cardiovascular disease prevention](#) (NICE guideline PH25) we did not consider recommendations 1 to 12 because the activities those recommendations cover are beyond the current remit of NICE. Specifically, NICE do not develop guidelines on national policy unless requested to do so by the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC). As such NICE would not update the recommendations in this area.

Public Health England (PHE) and the DHSC are actively engaged in policy developments for cardiovascular disease prevention. At the time of the consultation stakeholder feedback indicated that recommendations 1 to 12 in NICE guideline PH25 had become out of date. The feedback included information about changes in the evidence base, current guidance (from other organisations) and policy context.

Current activities highlighted related to cardiovascular disease prevention include:

- [Salt reduction: targets for 2017](#) (PHE 2017).
- [SACN publishes consultation on saturated fats and health](#) (PHE 2018). Following consultation PHE will consider if any action is necessary to incorporate saturated fat in to the existing reformulation programme.
- [Childhood obesity: a plan for action](#) (HM Government 2017).
- [Front of Pack nutrition labelling guidance](#) (DHSC 2016).
- [School Food Plan](#) (Department for Education 2013).
- [Scientific Advisory Nutrition Committee report in 2015 on carbohydrates and health](#).
- [Sugar reduction and wider reformulation: interim review](#) (PHE 2017).
- [Sugary Drinks Industry Levy](#) (2016 Budget, implementation in 2018)

Given that the evidence base informing the topics covered by recommendations 1 to 12 has moved on since the guideline published in 2010 and publishing or updating policy recommendations is beyond

the remit of NICE, it is proposed that the recommendations 1 to 12 [Cardiovascular disease prevention](#) (2010) NICE guideline PH25 are withdrawn.

## **Equalities**

No equalities issues were identified that would arise from this decision.