

1.0.7 DOC EIA

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE EXCELLENCE

NICE guidelines

Equality impact assessment

Fertility problems: assessment and treatment

The impact on equality has been assessed during guidance development according to the principles of the NICE equality policy.

4.0 Final guideline (to be completed by the Developer before GE consideration of final guideline)

4.1 Have any additional potential equality issues been raised during the consultation, and, if so, how has the Committee addressed them?

The committee noted that geographical isolation for example those living in rural areas, may be a barrier to receiving fertility treatment as people may not be able or willing to travel long distances for fertility clinics on a regular basis.

The committee felt that provision of fertility treatment to same-sex couples was adequately covered in recommendation 1.9.1.1. This recommendation covers that unstimulated IUI may be considered in the following groups as an alternative to vaginal sexual intercourse: people who are unable to, or would find it very difficult to, have vaginal intercourse, people with conditions that require specific consideration in relation to methods of conception and people in same-sex relationships.

The committee agreed to amend the sentence: 'The committee noted access to fertility services by people may be limited and may vary by geographical location' to 'The committee noted access to fertility services by people can be limited and can vary by geographical location'.

1.0.7 DOC EIA

4.2 If the recommendations have changed after consultation, are there any recommendations that 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?

No.

4.3 If the recommendations have changed after consultation, is there potential for the recommendations to have an adverse impact on people with disabilities because of something that is a consequence of the disability?

No.

4.4 If the recommendations have changed after consultation, are there any recommendations or explanations that the Committee could make to remove or alleviate barriers to, or difficulties with, access to services identified in questions 4.2, 4.3 and 4.4, or otherwise fulfil NICE's obligations to advance equality?

No.

4.5 Have the Committee's considerations of equality issues been described in the final guideline document, and, if so, where?

Yes – these are contained in the 'Other considerations' section of the Linking Evidence To Recommendations table in the guideline.

Updated by Developer Lorraine Taylor, Associate Director, Clinical Guidelines Update Team
Date 4th July 2016

Approved by NICE quality assurance lead ___ Christine Carson
Date ___ 19 July 2016 _____