

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE EXCELLENCE

NICE guidelines

Equality impact assessment

Abdominal aortic aneurysm: diagnosis and management of abdominal aortic aneurysms

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

1.0 Scope: before consultation

1.1 Have any potential equality issues been identified during the development of the draft scope, before consultation, and, if so, what are they?

Potential equality issues centred around the diagnosis and management of abdominal aortic aneurysms:

Identified by stakeholder:

None. Stakeholder views will be incorporated following consultation.

Identified during completion of the EIA document:

People with risk factors for AAA who fall outside the National AAA Screening programme (NAAASP), including men under 65 years of age with risk factors for AAA and women with risk factors for AAA, do not currently have a 'formalised' route into the clinical pathway. Furthermore, much of the current guidance and service specification is designed in response to the NAAASP. Therefore, although people with AAA who were not identified through the NAAASP constitute the majority of people with AAA in England and Wales, their needs may be currently underserved.

It was also noted that women with AAAs are often treated more conservatively than men. Although this may arise through patient preference or clinical need, the group felt it was an issue worth considering.

Finally, it was also noted that currently practice specified within the NAAASP's clinical pathway is that those over the age of 85 with a large AAA should undergo an additional assessment before being referred to a vascular surgeon. Although this has likely arisen given the correlation between an increase in age and a decline in fitness for surgery, the group felt that this age threshold as a proxy for fitness for surgery should be re-examined.

1.2 What is the preliminary view on the extent to which these potential equality issues need addressing by the Committee? For example, if population groups, treatments or settings are excluded from the scope, are these exclusions justified – that is, are the reasons legitimate and the exclusion proportionate?

Exclusions identified as having the potential to increase inequalities are as follows:

- none have been specified

Completed by Developer

Date: 7th August 2015

Completed by Committee Chair

Date: 19th August 2015

Approved by NICE quality assurance lead _____

Date _____

2.0 Scope: after consultation (To be completed by the developer and submitted with the final scope)

2.1 Have any potential equality issues been identified during consultation, and, if so, what are they?

The following potential equality issues were identified during consultation:

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2.2 Have any changes to the scope been made as a result of consultation to highlight potential equality issues?

2.3 Is the primary focus of the guideline a population with a specific disability-related communication need?

If so, is an alternative version of the 'Information for the Public' document recommended?

If so, which alternative version is recommended?

The alternative versions available are:

- large font or audio versions for a population with sight loss;
- British Sign Language videos for a population who are deaf from birth;
- 'Easy read' versions for people with learning disabilities or cognitive impairment.

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Date _____

Updated by Committee Chair _____

Date _____

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3.0 Guideline development: before consultation (to be completed by the developer before draft guideline consultation)

3.1 Have the potential equality issues identified during the scoping process been addressed by the Committee, and, if so, how?

3.2 Have any **other** potential equality issues (in addition to those identified during the scoping process) been identified, and, if so, how has the Committee addressed them?

3.3 Were the Committee's considerations of equality issues described in the consultation document, and, if so, where?

3.4 Do the preliminary recommendations 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?

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

3.6 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 3.1, 3.2 or 3.3, or otherwise fulfil NICE's obligation to advance equality?

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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?

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?

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?

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?

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

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5.0 After Guidance Executive amendments – if applicable (To be completed by appropriate NICE staff member after Guidance Executive)

5.1 Outline amendments agreed by Guidance Executive below, if applicable:

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