QUALITY STANDARD TOPIC OVERVIEW

Alcohol-use disorders: diagnosis and management (update)

1. Introduction

NICE quality standards describe key areas for quality improvement in health, public health and social care. Each quality standard contains a set of quality statements with related measures. Quality statements are derived from evidence-based guidance, such as NICE guidance or NICE-accredited guidance. They are developed independently by NICE, in collaboration with health, public health and social care practitioners, their partners and people using services.

* 1. Alcohol-use disorders: diagnosis and management quality standard

This quality standard has been commissioned by NHS England.

It will cover identifying and supporting adults and young people (aged 10 and over) who may have an alcohol problem and caring for people with alcohol-related health problems, as well as support for their families and carers.

This quality standard will update and replace the existing [NICE quality standard for alcohol-use disorders: diagnosis and management](https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/qs11) (QS11). The topic was identified for update following a review of quality standards in 2021. The review identified that there have been changes in commissioning and the areas for improvement.

This quality standard is expected to publish by April 2023.

* 1. Topic engagement

The topic engagement exercise will help identify what stakeholders think are the key areas for quality improvement for this topic. The areas highlighted by stakeholders will be included in the briefing paper that will be used to inform the prioritisation of key areas during the first quality standards advisory committee meeting.

1. Developing the quality standard
   1. Key development sources (NICE and NICE-accredited guidance)

* [Alcohol-use disorders: diagnosis and management of physical complications](https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/cg100) (2010, updated 2017) NICE guideline CG100
* [Alcohol-use disorders: diagnosis, assessment and management of harmful drinking (high-risk drinking) and alcohol dependence](https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/cg115) (2011) NICE guideline CG115
  1. Key policy documents, reports and national audits

Relevant policy documents, reports and national audits will be used to inform the development of the quality standard.

* NHS Digital (2022) [Statistics on Alcohol, England 2021](https://digital.nhs.uk/data-and-information/publications/statistical/statistics-on-alcohol/2021)
* Nuffield Trust (2022) [Alcohol-related harm and drinking behaviour](https://www.nuffieldtrust.org.uk/resource/alcohol-related-harm-and-drinking-behaviour-1)
* Nuffield trust (2022) [Adult substance misuse services](https://www.nuffieldtrust.org.uk/resource/adult-substance-misuse-services-1)
* British Medical Association (2021) [Reducing alcohol-related harm in England](https://www.bma.org.uk/what-we-do/population-health/supporting-people-to-live-healthier-lives/reducing-alcohol-related-harm-in-england)
* Public Health England (2021) [Alcohol dependence prevalence in England](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/alcohol-dependence-prevalence-in-england)
* Office for Health Improvement and Disparities (2021) [Young people's substance misuse treatment statistics 2020 to 2021](https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/substance-misuse-treatment-for-young-people-statistics-2020-to-2021/young-peoples-substance-misuse-treatment-statistics-2020-to-2021-report)
* Office for national Statistics (2020) [Alcohol-specific deaths in the UK: registered in 2020](https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/healthandsocialcare/causesofdeath/bulletins/alcoholrelateddeathsintheunitedkingdom/registeredin2020)
* Local Government Association (2019) [Helping to support and transform the lives of people affected by alcohol](https://www.local.gov.uk/publications/helping-support-and-transform-lives-people-affected-alcohol)
* NHS England (2018) [Average attendance rates in A&E for alcohol poisoning](https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/average-attends-alcohol-poisoning/)

1. Further information
   1. Related NICE quality standards

### Published

* [Alcohol: preventing harmful use in the community](https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/qs83) (2015) NICE quality standard QS83
* [Liver disease](https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/qs152) (2017) NICE quality standard QS152
* [Fetal alcohol spectrum disorder](https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/qs204) (2022) NICE quality standard QS204

The full list of quality standard topics referred to NICE is available from the [quality standard topic library](http://www.nice.org.uk/Standards-and-Indicators/Developing-NICE-quality-standards-/Quality-standards-topic-library).

See the NICE website for [more information about NICE quality standards](http://www.nice.org.uk/standards-and-indicators) and the [progress of this quality standard](https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/indevelopment/gid-qs10164).

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