

Other resources to support commissioning

NICE provides a range of tools, resources and searchable databases, which can all be found on our website. See www.nice.org.uk

Forward planner

Summarises published and forthcoming NICE guidance and explains which healthcare and other sectors are likely to be affected, provides an estimate of the potential cost impact of NICE guidance implementation, and notes what the impact may be on Payment by Results.

Costing tools

Assess the financial impact of implementing NICE guidance. They comprise a national costing report and a flexible Excel costing template, which can be used to estimate local costs and savings.

Implementation advice

Provides help with action planning, signposts to national support available and highlights relevant resources, tools and examples of good practice.

Shared learning database

A rapidly evolving database containing over 100 'real-life' examples of NICE guidance being put into practice.

Implementation consultants

A team of field-based consultants who can help you work with any of our tools or provide general advice on how NICE guidance can be used in the commissioning of evidence-based services for your population. Email your local consultant at fieldteam@nice.org.uk

We welcome suggestions for future topics, particularly from commissioners in primary care organisations, to make sure we provide support in the areas where it is most needed. Email your ideas to commissioningguides@nice.org.uk

NICE commissioning guides provide definitive help and advice for seasoned commissioners wishing to be assured that services deliver cost-effective health benefit safely, and for practice-based commissioners embarking on the challenge of reforming healthcare

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Commissioning services with reference to National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE) guidance ensures that promotion of good health and prevention and treatment of ill health in the NHS are in line with the best available evidence of clinical and cost effectiveness. It will also help commissioners to demonstrate their capability against the world class commissioning competencies of prioritising investment and securing best value procurement. NICE provides a range of resources to support the commissioning of local services.

NICE commissioning guides

NICE publishes web-based commissioning guides to help the NHS in England commission effective, evidence-based care. The guides are designed as a resource for people involved in healthcare commissioning. They are underpinned by, and support the implementation of, recommendations in NICE guidance.

Each **commissioning guide** concentrates on a particular topic, and offers practical advice on issues such as local needs assessment and opportunities for clinical service redesign. The guides signpost to other relevant sources of useful information, and set benchmarks to help commissioners determine the level of service needed locally.

Within each guide, an interactive **commissioning tool**¹ enables primary care organisations to estimate and inform the cost of local commissioning decisions. The tool can help you to:

- identify local service requirements
- review current levels of commissioned activity (using Hospital Episode Statistics activity data where relevant and available)
- identify future change in capacity required using the indicative benchmark provided
- model future commissioning intentions and associated costs over 3 years
- calculate potential set-up and recurrent costs over 3 years.

¹ Registration is required to access the tool, and is currently available to commissioners in primary care organisations in England.

NICE aims to publish 10 commissioning guides a year. New releases will be timed to have maximum impact on the annual commissioning process.

Published commissioning guides

Cardiovascular

- Anticoagulation therapy service
- Cardiac rehabilitation service
- Heart failure service

Central nervous system

- Memory assessment service for the early identification and care of people with dementia

Digestive system

- Upper GI endoscopy service
- Faecal continence service for the management of faecal incontinence in adults

Endocrine, nutrition and metabolic

- Foot care service for people with diabetes

Gynaecology, pregnancy and birth

- Endometrial ablation service
- Hysterectomy service
- Services for the provision of intrauterine devices and the intrauterine system for contraception and the management of heavy menstrual bleeding

Mental health and behavioural issues

- Cognitive behavioural therapy for the management of common mental health problems

Respiratory

- Assisted-discharge service for patients with COPD
- Pulmonary rehabilitation service for patients with COPD

Surgical procedures

- Bariatric surgical service for the treatment of people with severe obesity

Urogenital

- Urinary continence service for the conservative management of urinary incontinence in women

View the commissioning guides at www.nice.org.uk/commissioningguides and see the list of forthcoming guides at www.nice.org.uk/commissioningguides/futuretopics

For more information email commissioningguides@nice.org.uk