

## The local face of NICE

NICE has a team of implementation consultants based throughout England. The field team keeps in regular touch with NHS organisations and local authorities involved in the implementation of NICE guidance. Contact details for the consultants are shown opposite.

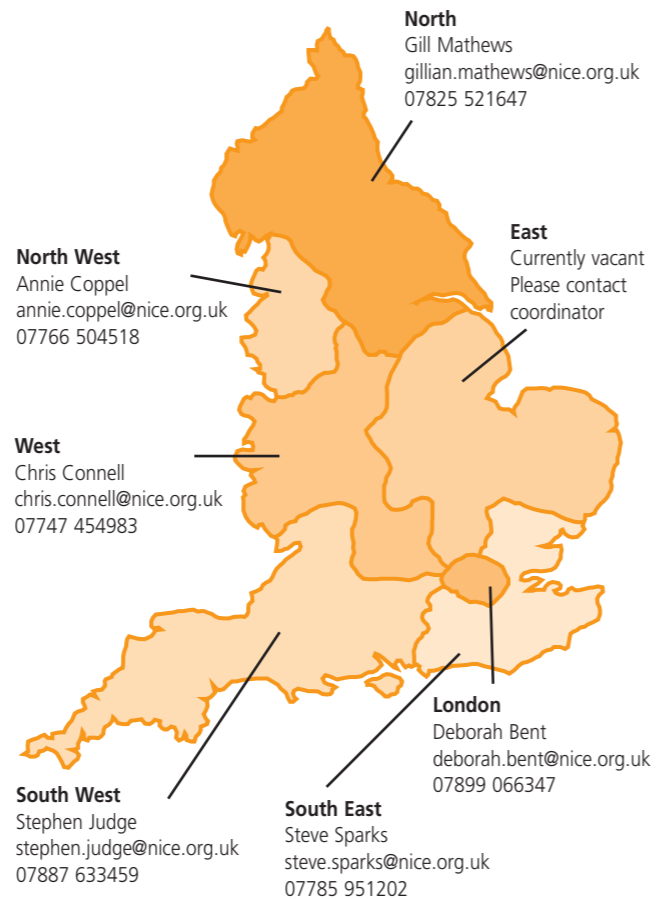
### How we can help

NICE implementation consultants offer:

- tailor-made updates and advice to help your senior management team implement NICE guidance
- support to help you raise the profile of NICE guidance with other local organisations, for example, through local strategic partnerships
- problem solving, by sharing examples of how organisations have successfully implemented NICE guidance
- advice on how to use implementation support tools
- a chance to feed back to NICE on local issues, ideas for new topics and general suggestions for improvement
- occasional updates for networks involved in service or professional development.

NICE implementation consultants do not inspect or publicly report on your current practice.

### Field team



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The National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE) is the independent organisation responsible for providing national guidance on the promotion of good health and the prevention and treatment of ill health. We produce the following types of guidance:

**Clinical guidelines** – recommendations about the treatment and care of people with specific diseases or conditions in the NHS.

**Health technologies** – guidance on the use of new and existing medicines, treatments and procedures in the NHS.

**Public health guidance** – guidance on ways of helping people improve their health and reduce their risk of illness.

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# Putting NICE guidance into practice

## How we are helping you to implement our guidance

## Implementation tools

### 'How to' guides

We have a number of 'How to' guides that advise the NHS and local authorities about using NICE guidance to improve patient care and wellbeing. To support the processes described in these guides, we produce a range of tools and databases. For more information, visit our website at [www.nice.org.uk](http://www.nice.org.uk)

### Forward planner

This summarises published and forthcoming NICE guidance. It explains which sectors are likely to be affected, estimates the potential cost impact (maximum cost if approved for appraisals in development), and notes what the impact may be on 'Payment by results'.

### Costing tools

Costing tools help 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.

### Slide sets

Slide sets can help to raise awareness of new guidance at an early stage. They highlight the key priorities for implementation and offer questions that can be used in discussion. They can be adapted to suit local needs.

### Implementation advice

We develop bespoke tools to help implement NICE guidance. Such tools include implementation advice (providing help with action planning), guides to resources (highlighting tools, resources and examples of good practice), commissioning factsheets, planning checklists, patient leaflets, posters and template letters.

### Audit tools

Audit support tools help organisations to carry out baseline assessments and to monitor any subsequent activities. They are available in formats that can be integrated into local audit systems.

### Commissioning guides

Topic-specific commissioning guides are web-based resources to support the effective local commissioning of evidence-based care for patients. They offer detailed practical information on key clinical and service-related issues, and an interactive commissioning tool to help estimate and inform the level of service needed locally, as well as the cost of local commissioning decisions.

## Education

We have commissioned online educational tools for selected clinical and public health guidance. Provided through BMJ Learning, these tools are available, free of charge, to healthcare professionals. They can be accessed through our website or BMJ Learning. We are also working with undergraduate and postgraduate education organisations to develop skills to put evidence into practice.

## Learning from others

### The ERNIE database

The Evaluation and Review of NICE Implementation Evidence (ERNIE) database is a source of information on the implementation and uptake of NICE guidance. It contains implementation uptake reports and references to external literature.

### The Shared Learning database

The Shared Learning database provides examples from organisations implementing NICE guidance and the lessons they have learnt. The best of these examples are recognised at our annual conference in a series of posters, presentations and awards.

## Quality initiatives

### Quality standards

We have been asked by the Department of Health to manage the process of developing quality standards. This involves receiving sequenced topics from the National Quality Board and developing quality standards in these areas.

## QOF indicators

Since April 2009, we have been responsible for producing an annual 'menu' of new, evidence-based, clinically-effective and cost-effective indicators for the Quality and Outcomes Framework in primary care - the QOF. Our work focuses on the clinical and health improvement indicators in the QOF, which includes disease categories such as coronary heart disease and hypertension.

## NHS Evidence

NHS Evidence is a web-based service set up to provide easy access to a comprehensive evidence base. It is relevant for everyone in health and social care who makes decisions about treatments or the use of resources, to improve health and patient care.

### Helping us to help you

To help us to improve our guidance you can:

- comment on guidance in development – all consultation documents are on our website
- sign up for NICE e-alerts to get regular information on topics of interest
- join our external implementation reference group to help develop our support programme
- send us feedback to help improve our support tools
- tell us about good practice – and we will share it
- suggest topics for referral to NICE via our website.

To find out more, visit our website at [www.nice.org.uk](http://www.nice.org.uk) or send an email to [implementation@nice.org.uk](mailto:implementation@nice.org.uk)