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NICE guidelines

Equality impact assessment

Safeguarding adults in care homes

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

2.0 Checking for updates and scope: after consultation (to be completed by the Developer and submitted with the revised scope)

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

1. It was suggested that there were potential equality issues across all areas of the protected characteristics within the Equality Act 2010 in relation to safeguarding adults within care homes, because of the very personal and individual nature of care and support within care homes and the diversity of residents.

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

The equality considerations within the scope have been updated to cover how barriers to communication may become barriers to disclosure of abuse or neglect or the identification of risk of abuse or neglect. The guideline will consider recommendations that avoid assumptions (based on all the protected characteristics within the Equality Act 2010) about what is or isn't acceptable behaviour or treatment within care homes or about the capacity of individuals to make decisions for themselves and that promote a person-centred approach to safeguarding practices.

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

If so, do the key messages for the public need to be produced in an alternative version?

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 deaf from birth
- 'Easy read' versions for people with learning disabilities or cognitive impairment.

Does an alternative version(s) of the consultation documents also need to be produced?

The population may include people with learning disabilities and easyread versions for consultation should be considered.

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