Department of Health

NICE National Institute for Health and Care Excellence

Framework Agreement between the Department of Health and the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence

Annex D: Relationships with other organisations

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1. In order to deliver its functions efficiently and effectively, and to support alignment across the whole system, NICE works closely with:

   - **NHS England**: NHS England commissions most of NICE's NHS facing activity, including quality standards. NHS England is required to have regard to NICE Quality Standards and may, along with Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs), be required by Regulations to have regard to NICE advice or guidance, or to comply with NICE recommendations.

   - **Public Health England (PHE)**: NICE works with Public Health England, DH policy officials and other stakeholders to provide guidance and advice to local government, PHE, Ministers and other relevant audiences.

   - **Department for Education (DfE)**: NICE works with DfE to help ensure that its work reflects DfE's needs and priorities in relation to children's and young people's social care and health in schools.

   - **The Health and Social Care Information Centre (HSCIC)**: NICE develops indicators with the HSCIC for the Quality and Outcomes Framework and the Clinical Commissioning Group Outcomes Indicator Set (CCGOIS) and is able to require the HSCIC to collect information where necessary to allow NICE to fulfil its statutory duties, subject to the constraints in the Health and Social Care Act 2012 or made in regulations.

   - **The Care Quality Commission (CQC)**: CQC uses NICE's disease and condition-based guidance, quality standards and staffing guidance as a reference when reviewing providers who are failing to meet registration standards.

   - **Monitor**: NICE works closely with Monitor. As Monitor takes on its responsibility for setting the tariff for NHS services, NICE will provide a regular flow of information to Monitor to inform appropriate pricing decisions based on NICE guidance recommendations, and support the effective uptake of new technologies.

   - **Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA)**: NICE and the MHRA have related interests in the safe and appropriate use of medicines. They work together to ensure information about safety and effectiveness is shared as appropriate, to facilitate decision-making in a timely fashion.

   - **Health Education England (HEE)**: NICE and HEE work together to help assist the spread of innovation across the NHS so that the health workforce has the right skills, behaviour and training to support the delivery of high quality health care. They will also collaborate in the development of staffing standards.

- **Local NHS bodies, local authorities, devolved administrations, other Government Departments and other public and patient representatives:** NICE works with those who use or are affected by NICE guidance and advice, in order to help ensure that NICE's work reflects their needs and priorities.