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Primary Care Quality and Outcomes Framework Indicator Advisory Committee recommendations

Indicator area: Diabetes

Recommended Indicators:

- 1) The percentage of patients with diabetes in whom the last blood pressure is 150/90 or less**
- 2) The percentage of patients with diabetes in whom the last blood pressure is 140/80 or less**

Background

The Primary Care Quality and Outcomes Framework (QOF) Indicator Advisory Committee (AC) met in June 2009 and July 2009 to consider information on the prioritisation of potential indicators for inclusion in the NICE menu for QOF. This included consideration of a briefing paper that provided a summary of the evidence on the clinical effectiveness of a potential indicator relating to diabetes, cost effectiveness evidence and an Equality Impact Assessment. This report is taken from the full confirmed minutes of these meetings and presents the AC's considerations and recommendations.

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The current QOF indicator DM12 is the percentage of patients with diabetes in whom the last blood pressure is 145/85 or less.

DM12: 150/90 (higher level BP target) and 140/80

Following consideration of the clinical effectiveness evidence presented in the briefing paper for diabetes, the AC agreed that there is a strong rationale for splitting the target in the current QOF indicator DM12. The Committee recommended that the proposed indicator should be treated as separate indicators and that wording of the indicator is amended accordingly.

The cost effectiveness evidence presented to the AC was limited in nature. The AC acknowledged that the level of detail required, differentiating between the level of hypertension as defined by the proposed indicator, was not available. The AC recommended that consideration is given to the attribution of points or setting of thresholds to acknowledge that achievement is likely to be limited to a proportion of patients.

Following consideration of the Equality Impact Assessment carried out as part of the briefing paper, no equality issues were identified that would prevent the indicator from going forward for inclusion in the NICE menu for QOF.

QOF Indicator Advisory Committee final recommendation

The Committee recommended that the proposed indicator should be treated as separate indicators and that wording of the indicator is amended accordingly. The AC recommended this indicator for inclusion on the NICE menu.