

Quality and Outcomes Framework Programme

Changes to indicators post publication on the NICE menu

Following the June 2010 meeting of the Independent Primary Care Quality and Outcomes Framework (QOF) Indicator Advisory Committee 21 indicators were published on the NICE menu for the QOF. These indicators were published for consideration during the negotiations between NHS Employers, on behalf of the Health Departments, and the General Practitioners Committee, on behalf of the British Medical Association.

During negotiations NICE was asked to consider changes to some of the wording of the indicators published on the NICE menu in terms of their clarity and consistency with other indicators in the QOF.

The changes to the NICE Menu indicator NM20 are outlined below with a brief rationale for the change.

Indicator wording before amendment:

NM20: The percentage of women aged 25-64 (in Scotland from 21 to 60) with schizophrenia, bipolar affective disorder and other psychoses who have a record of cervical screening within the last 5 years

Indicator wording after amendment:

NM20: The percentage of patients (aged from 25 to 64 in England and Northern Ireland, from 20 to 60 in Scotland and from 20 to 64 in Wales) with schizophrenia, bipolar affective disorder and other psychoses whose notes record that a cervical screening test has been performed in the preceding 5 years

Rationale

The age ranges for this indicator have been changed to reflect the age ranges of the cervical screening programmes across Scotland, England, Wales and Northern Ireland.