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QUALITY STANDARD TOPIC OVERVIEW

1 Quality standard title

Suicide prevention

2 Introduction

2.1 *NICE quality standards*

NICE quality standards are a concise set of prioritised statements designed to drive measurable quality improvements within a particular area of health or care.

The standards are derived from high-quality guidance, such as that from NICE or [accredited](#) by NICE. They are developed independently by NICE, in collaboration with health, public health and social care practitioners, their partners and service users. Information on priority areas, people's experience of using services, safety issues, equality and cost impact are considered during the development process.

NICE quality standards are central to supporting the government's vision for a health and social care system that is focused on delivering the best possible outcomes for people who use services, as detailed in the [Health and Social Care Act \(2012\)](#).

The quality standard development process is described in detail on the [NICE website](#).

2.2 *This topic overview*

This topic overview describes core elements of the quality standard. These include the population and topic to be covered, key source guidance to be used to underpin potential quality statements, any related quality standards, published current practice information and national or routine indicators and performance measures.

3 This quality standard

This quality standard is expected to publish in September 2019.

3.1 Population and topic to be covered

This quality standard will cover ways to reduce suicide and help people bereaved or affected by suicides in community and custodial settings. It does not cover national strategies, general mental wellbeing, or areas covered by other NICE quality standards such as self-harm or mental health conditions.

3.2 Key development sources (NICE and NICE-accredited sources)

Primary source

- [Preventing suicide in community and custodial settings](#) (2018) NICE guideline NG105

Key policy documents, reports and national audits

Relevant policy documents, reports and national audits will be used to inform the development of the quality standard.

- House of Commons Library (2018) [Suicide Prevention: Policy and Strategy](#)
- Office for National Statistics (2018) [Suicides in the UK: 2017 registrations](#)
- The University of Manchester (2018) [National confidential inquiry into suicide and safety in mental health: Annual report 2018](#)
- Department of Health and Social Care (2017) [Government Response to the Health Select Committee's Inquiry into Suicide Prevention](#)
- House of Commons Health Committee (2017) [Suicide prevention](#)
- Public Health England (2016) [Local suicide prevention planning](#)
- Public Health England (2016) [Support after a suicide: A guide to providing local services](#)
- Public Health England (2015) [Identifying and responding to suicide clusters and contagion](#)
- Public Health England (2015) [Preventing suicides in public places](#)
- The All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on Suicide and Self-Harm Prevention (2015) [Inquiry into Local Suicide Prevention Plans in England](#)
- Department of Health and Social Care (2012) [Preventing suicide in England: A cross-government outcomes strategy to save lives](#)

3.3 *Related NICE quality standards*

Published

- [Mental health of adults in contact with the criminal justice system](#) (2018) NICE quality standard 163
- [Transition between inpatient mental health settings and community or care home settings](#) (2017) NICE quality standard 159 (Statement 4 covers follow-up after discharge from an inpatient mental health setting for people who have a risk of suicide)
- [Self-harm](#) (2013) NICE quality standard 34
- [Drug use disorders](#) (2012) NICE quality standard 23
- [Service user experience in adult mental health services](#) (2011) NICE quality standard 14
- [Alcohol-use disorders: diagnosis and management](#) (2011) NICE quality standard 11

In development

- [Coexisting severe mental illness and substance misuse](#) Publication expected September 2019.

The full list of quality standard topics referred to NICE is available from the [quality standard topic library](#) on the NICE website.

4 Existing indicators

- [NHS Outcomes Framework 2016/17](#): 1.5iii Suicide and mortality from injury of undetermined intent among people with recent contact from NHS services (in development)
- [Public health outcomes framework for England 2016-2019](#): 4.10 Suicide rate
- Public Health England's [Suicide Prevention Profile](#)
- NHS Digital's [Compendium – Mortality from suicide or suicide and injury undetermined](#)

5 Further information

See the NICE website for more information about [NICE quality standards](#) and the [progress of this quality standard](#).

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