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GUIDELINES EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT FORM SCOPING

As outlined in the guidelines manual NICE has a duty to take reasonable action to avoid unlawful discrimination and promote equality of opportunities. The purpose of this form is to document that equalities issues have been considered in reaching the final scope for a clinical guideline.

Taking into account **each** of the equality characteristics below the form needs:

- To confirm that equality issues have been considered at **every stage** of the scoping (from drafting the key clinical issues, stakeholder involvement and wider consultation to the final scope)
- Where groups are excluded from the scope, to comment on any likely implications for NICE's duties under equality legislation
- To highlight planned action relevant to equalities.

This form is completed by the National Collaborating Centre (NCC) Director and the Guideline Development Group (GDG) Chair **for each guideline** and submitted with the final scope for sign off by the Chair of the Guidelines Review Panel (GRP) and the lead from the Centre for Clinical Practice.

| EQUALITY CHARACTERISTICS |
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| <p>Sex/gender</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women • Men |
| <p>Ethnicity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asian or Asian British • Black or black British • People of mixed race • Irish • White British • Chinese • Other minority ethnic groups not listed |
| <p>Disability</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sensory • Learning disability • Mental health • Cognitive • Mobility • Other impairment |
| <p>Age¹</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Older people • Children and young people • Young adults <p>¹: Definitions of age groups may vary according to policy or other context.</p> |
| <p>Sexual orientation & gender identity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lesbians • Gay men • Bisexual people • Transgender people |
| <p>Religion and belief</p> |
| <p>Socio-economic status</p> <p>Depending on policy or other context, this may cover factors such as social exclusion and deprivation associated with geographical areas (e.g. the Spearhead Group of local authorities and PCTs, neighbourhood renewal fund areas etc) or inequalities or variations associated with other geographical distinctions (e.g. the North/South divide, urban versus rural).</p> |
| <p>Other categories²</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gypsy travellers • Refugees and asylum seekers • Migrant workers • Looked after children • Homeless people <p>²: This list is illustrative rather than comprehensive.</p> |

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Guideline title:

1. Have relevant equality issues been identified during scoping?

During scoping the needs of each age group (children, adolescents, adults, older adults) were raised and the treatment for each of these groups will be looked at in the development of the guideline.

2. If there are exclusions listed in the scope (for example, populations, treatments or settings) are these justified?

The population of this guideline will cover adults, older adults, children and young people with bipolar I, bipolar II, mixed affective and rapid cycling bipolar disorder. The guideline will not make recommendations about other mental health conditions (such as drug and alcohol misuse) that commonly co-exist with bipolar disorder as this has been covered in other guidelines. It will, refer to other guidelines where this is the case, and highlight any necessary modifications to the treatment of either bipolar disorder or the co-existing condition where the co-existing condition is already the subject of an existing NICE guideline. It will also not apply to people with non-bipolar affective conditions as this is covered in other guidelines.

3. Have relevant bodies and stakeholders been consulted?

The equalities issues raised in the scoping workshop have been considered in this draft of the scope. Stakeholder feedback on equalities issues has been positive.

Signed:

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Approved and signed off:

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