

# NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE EXCELLENCE

## NICE guidelines

### Equality impact assessment

#### Diagnostic services: Organisation and delivery

The impact on equality has been assessed during guidance development according to the principles of the NICE equality policy.

#### **1.0 Scope: before consultation (To be completed by the developer and submitted with the draft scope for consultation)**

1.1 Have any potential equality issues been identified during the development of the draft scope, before consultation, and, if so, what are they?

(Please specify if the issue has been highlighted by a stakeholder)

- Consideration of certain groups may be required by the guideline developers to ensure equal opportunity to access services. These groups include:
  - people located in rural geographical locations, from travelling communities or those of no fixed abode
  - people with physical disabilities
  - homeless people
  - frail older people.
- People with mental health issues were discussed, however it is considered that this population will be adequately covered by this guideline.
- Non-English speaking populations are linked to higher non-attendance rates which will be considered as an outcome in this guideline, and therefore this will be adequately covered within the guideline.
- Special consideration may be required for information provision and modality of booking appointments for people who:
  - Do not speak English as their first language
  - Are unable to read or write, including those with visual impairments
  - Have mental health needs.

1.2 What is the preliminary view on the extent to which these potential equality issues need addressing by the Committee? For example, if population groups, treatments or settings are excluded from the scope, are these exclusions justified – that is, are the reasons legitimate and the exclusion proportionate?

There are no specific population groups or settings excluded from the scope. The areas that are not covered in this scope are addressed by other guidance and therefore there are no potential equality issues to be addressed by the guideline committee.

The needs of people within those groups identified above (in section 1.1) will all be considered in this guideline.

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