

# NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE EXCELLENCE

## NICE guidelines

### Equality impact assessment

#### Tobacco suite: prevention, cessation and harm reduction (update)

The impact on equality has been assessed during guidance development according

#### **2.0 Checking for updates and scope: after consultation (to be completed by the Developer and submitted with the revised scope)**

2.1 Have any potential equality issues been identified during consultation, and, if so, what are they?

Stakeholders raised two equality issues which are associated with smoking in general terms.

One stakeholder raised that there is a national objective to reduce the inequality gap between those in routine and manual occupations and the general population. Another stakeholder raised a concern that funding changes to smoking cessation services might disproportionately affect smokers who are deprived by transferring costs of services to consumers.

2.2 Have any changes to the scope been made as a result of consultation to highlight potential equality issues?

No changes were required to the scope as a result of equality issues raised.

While funding and service provision are outside of the scope of this update, it is recognised that improving measures to prevent uptake and to treat tobacco dependence should disproportionately benefit those who currently bear most of the harms of smoking – for example those on the lowest incomes and in routine and manual occupations.

Custodial settings have been added to the list for 'preventing uptake' in order to

make more explicit that these settings will also be included.

2.3 Is the primary focus of the guideline a population with a specific disability-related communication need?

If so, do the key messages for the public need to be produced in an alternative version?

If so, which alternative version is recommended?

The alternative versions available are:

- large font or audio versions for a population with sight loss
- British Sign Language videos for a population deaf from birth
- 'Easy read' versions for people with learning disabilities or cognitive impairment.

Does an alternative version(s) of the consultation documents also need to be produced?

The focus of the guideline is not a population with a specific disability-related communication need. The focus is on the whole population, with some age restrictions for different sections of the update.

No alternative version(s) of the consultation documents need to be produced.

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