## NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE EXCELLENCE

#### **NICE** guidelines

#### **Equality impact assessment**

#### Subarachnoid Haemorrhage caused by ruptured aneurysm

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

- 1.0 Checking for updates and scope: before scope 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 check for an update or during development of the draft scope, and, if so, what are they?

The risk of subarachnoid haemorrhage is greater in women (ratio 3:2).

Accurate description of symptoms is key in the diagnosis of subarachnoid haemorrhage and this is more difficult in people with learning disabilities who have communication difficulties.

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?

The diagnosis questions addressed in the guideline will include all adults over 16 years. When drafting recommendations the committee will discuss if particular consideration is needed for people with learning disabilities and language difficulties.

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Date15/8/18
Approved by NICE quality assurance lead Kay Nolan
Date 26/10/2018
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?
Inclusion of children was raised, but the incidence of SAH is very low in this population and their management is highly specialised and different to adults. For this reason it was not considered feasible to include children in this guideline.
2.2 Have any changes to the scope been made as a result of consultation to highlight potential equality issues?
None

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:
<ul> <li>large font or audio versions for a population with sight loss</li> </ul>
British Sign Language videos for a population deaf from birth
<ul> <li>'Easy read' versions for people with learning disabilities or cognitive impairment.</li> </ul>
Does an alternative version(s) of the consultation documents also need to be produced?
No
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# 3.0 Guideline development: before consultation (to be completed by the Developer before consultation on the draft guideline)

3.1 Have the potential equality issues identified during the scoping process been addressed by the Committee, and, if so, how?
3.2 Have any <b>other</b> potential equality issues (in addition to those identified during the scoping process) been identified, and, if so, how has the Committee addressed them?
3.3 Have the Committee's considerations of equality issues been described in the guideline for consultation, and, if so, where?
3.4 Do the preliminary recommendations make it more difficult in practice for a specific group to access services compared with other groups? If so, what are the barriers to, or difficulties with, access for the specific group?

3.5 Is there potential for the preliminary recommendations to have an adverse impact on people with disabilities because of something that is a consequence of the disability?
3.6 Are there any recommendations or explanations that the Committee could make to remove or alleviate barriers to, or difficulties with, access to services identified in questions 3.1, 3.2 or 3.3, or otherwise fulfil NICE's obligation to advance equality?
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Date

# 4.0 Final guideline (to be completed by the Developer before GE consideration of final guideline)

4.1 Have any additional potential equality issues been raised during the consultation, and, if so, how has the Committee addressed them?
4.2 If the recommendations have changed after consultation, are there any recommendations that make it more difficult in practice for a specific group to access services compared with other groups? If so, what are the barriers to, or difficulties with, access for the specific group?
4.3 If the recommendations have changed after consultation, is there potential for the recommendations to have an adverse impact on people with disabilities because of something that is a consequence of the disability?
4.4 If the recommendations have changed after consultation, are there any recommendations or explanations that the Committee could make to remove or alleviate barriers to, or difficulties with, access to services identified in questions 4.1, 4.2 and 4.3, or otherwise fulfil NICE's obligations to advance equality?

4.5 Have the Committee's considerations of equality issues been described in the final guideline, and, if so, where?
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Date

# 5.0 After Guidance Executive amendments – if applicable (to be completed by appropriate NICE staff member after Guidance Executive)

5.1 Outline amendments agreed by Guidance Executive below, if applicable:
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Date
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