

NICE guidelines

Equality impact assessment

Vaccines uptake in the general population

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

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?

During stakeholder consultation the following potential equality issues were raised:

- Religion or belief
 - In addition to those identified before stakeholder consultation, stakeholders specifically highlighted people from anthroposophic communities.
- Sex
 - There is some evidence from countries that provide HPV in boys and girls that uptake is considerably lower in boys compared to girls, therefore specific recommendations may need to consider this difference.
- Other definable characteristics:
 - Children who are home schooled or not educated in mainstream schools
 - There is some evidence to suggest that there is low uptake in this group of children as they may not have equal access to school-delivered vaccination programmes.
 - Migrants
 - Stakeholders highlighted that access issues are not limited to newly arrived migrants, but apply to all migrants.
 - Culture
 - It was highlighted that some people are under-vaccinated or unvaccinated because of their culture, therefore specific

recommendations may need to consider these groups.

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

The scope was amended to reflect stakeholder comments that the scope should state migrants not just newly arrived migrants. No other changes have been made to the scope to highlight potential equality issues.

2.3 Have any of the changes made led to a change in the primary focus of the guideline which would require consideration of a specific communication or engagement need, related to disability, age, or other equality consideration?

If so, what is it and what action might be taken by NICE or the developer to meet this need? (For example, adjustments to committee processes, additional forms of consultation)

In addition to the issues identified before stakeholder consultation, specific recommendations may need to be made for the following groups: migrants, gender in relation to HPV vaccination, children who are home schooled or not educated in mainstream schools and people from anthroposophic communities.

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