

## HealthTech Programme

# Slide sheets for moving or repositioning a person: late-stage assessment

## Equality Impact Assessment

1. Have the potential equality issues identified during the scoping process been addressed by the committee, and, if so, how?

The committee considered the equality issues identified during the scoping process. It noted that slide sheets may not be suitable for people who are particularly frail, critically ill or who have severe skin conditions. Also, it noted that a limited understanding of the English language, mental health conditions or learning disabilities can affect the ability of the care recipient to assist during the moving or repositioning task, which affects the musculoskeletal burden experienced by the caregiver and that caregivers may also be at higher risk of sustaining injury if they are shorter or taller than average. The committee recognised the relevance of certain slide sheet features in particular clinical cases or subgroups. Recommendation 1.2 states that “the characteristics and preferences of the carer and the person who is being moved or repositioned” should be taken into account when choosing which slide sheet should be used. In addition, the committee recommended further research, which should be done across different groups of people who need to be repositioned and different real-world settings and contexts.

2. Have any other potential equality issues been raised in the external assessment report, and, if so, how has the committee addressed these?

The External Assessment Group did not identify any additional equality issues.

3. Have any other potential equality issues been identified by the Committee, and, if so, how has the Committee addressed these?

The committee did not identify any additional equality issues.

4. Do the recommendations make it more difficult in practice for a specific group to access the technology compared with other groups? If so,

what are the barriers to, or difficulties with, access for the specific group?

The recommendations would not affect access to treatment for people who need to be moved or repositioned.

5. 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?

No.

6. Are there any recommendations or explanations that the Committee could make to remove or alleviate barriers to, or difficulties with, access identified in questions 4 or 5, or otherwise fulfil NICE's obligations to promote equality?

See answer to question 4.

7. Have the Committee's considerations of equality issues been described in the guidance document, and, if so, where?

Equality issues and considerations have been described in section 3.2 of the guidance. Please also see sections 3.8, 3.24 and 3.25 of the guidance.

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