

# NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE EXCELLENCE

## NICE guidelines

### Equality impact assessment

#### Chronic heart failure

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?

People living in rural areas may not have access to rehabilitation services. People who are elderly and frail may not be able to access hospital based rehabilitation services

People over the age of 75 have particular needs in managing their condition. People over the age of 75 often have less aggressive treatment started or continued for cardiovascular conditions including chronic heart failure compared with younger age groups.

2010 recommendations indicate that not all patients with CHF are recommended to have an exercise based rehabilitation programme which also includes an educational and psychological component. Some patients therefore may not receive the same education and support as those who are able to partake in the recommended rehabilitation programme.

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 following areas have been identified in the scope for consideration by the committee:

- Transfer of care between secondary and primary heart failure services.
- Home-based rehabilitation packages .
- Information and support on diagnosis and prognosis for patients and carers
- How to manage chronic heart failure in people over the age of 75.

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