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EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

The management of PTSD in adults and children in primary and secondary care

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

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?

The equality issues identified during the scoping process relate to the entire guideline and so text explaining this is included at the beginning of the short guideline.

3.2 Have any **other** potential equality issues (in addition to those identified during the scoping process) been identified, and, if so, how has the Committee addressed them?

No further equality issues have been identified.

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The equality issues described above (individuals going through gender reassignment, illegal immigrants, undocumented workers and failed asylum seekers,

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In the section on principles of care the committee agreed to emphasise the need to provide information in a way that addresses individual needs in terms of language, readability and applicability to different ethnic origins, or religions. In order to address this, the committee cross-referenced the relevant recommendations in the NICE guidelines on service user experience in adult mental health and patient experience in adult NHS services. This has also been noted in the accompanying committee discussion section in evidence report J.

The guideline has reiterated the importance of language and culture and how these need to be considered in the context of PTSD treatment. This is mainly related to recommendations in the previous guideline which have been refreshed to meet current editorial standards, but no evidence has been reviewed. The cross-reference to the NICE guidelines on service user experience in adult mental health (particularly with regard to sections on avoiding stigma and promoting social inclusion) and patient experience (particularly with regard to communication) is therefore included in the recommendations contained under section 1.5 of the short guideline.

The committee also developed a recommendation on additional support that may be required for people with PTSD who are admitted to hospital because of other mental or physical health problems, which addresses the needs of critically ill patients. This has also been noted in the accompanying committee discussion section in evidence report J.

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No, the recommendations do not make it more difficult for any specific group to access services, compared to other groups.

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?

No, the recommendations should not have an adverse impact on people with disabilities.

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