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NICE guidelines

Equality impact assessment

Cerebral Palsy in adults over the age of 25 years

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?

(Please specify if the issue has been highlighted by a stakeholder)

The recommendations will be intended to apply to all groups equally. However, for some questions in the guideline there might be times when different recommendations would need to be made for people who have different levels of functional or cognitive disabilities to ensure equality of access to relevant services. Furthermore, if it becomes apparent that different recommendations are required for certain groups, subgroup analysis of the evidence will be undertaken where possible (for example, by Gross Motor Function Classification System levels I-V, or age). Additionally, communication difficulties might need to be addressed in some recommendations.

People with cerebral palsy living in residential care who no longer have family members able to act as their advocates may have particular difficulties in accessing services and may therefore be a disadvantaged group that we will consider.

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 Committee will consider groups with the characteristics identified above for all topics and make separate recommendations for these groups if necessary. These groups will be captured in the review protocols and will be highlighted in the discussion sections where applicable.

The service delivery section of the scope is aimed at improving access to services for all adults with cerebral palsy including those with communication difficulties and those that no longer have family members that act as their advocates.

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