

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE EXCELLENCE

NICE guidelines

Equality impact assessment

Prostate cancer: diagnosis and management (update)

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 committee was careful not to use gendered nouns and pronouns in its formulation of recommendations to ensure that the guideline is relevant to all people who have a prostate, whether or not they identify as men. The recommendations throughout the guideline were updated to reflect this change.

Sub-group analysis where possible was incorporated into the review protocols to reflect differences in effectiveness in people of African family background, however the committee saw no stratification in any of the evidence it considered that led it to believe that recommendations needed to be tailored specifically to this group.

All of the evidence considered for these reviews was in older populations, with the majority of participants aged over 70. The committee noted that prostate cancer is very rare in younger people.

A cross reference has been added to the guideline linking it to the patient experience guideline (CG138).

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 other potential equality issues were identified.

3.3 Have the Committee's considerations of equality issues been described in the guideline for consultation, and, if so, where?

The committee discussed any perceived equality issues and where appropriate this is reflected in the committee discussion sections of the evidence reviews.

3.4 Do the preliminary recommendations make it more difficult in practice for a specific group to access services compared with other groups? If so, what are the barriers to, or difficulties with, access for the specific group?

No.

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.

3.6 Are there any recommendations or explanations that the Committee could make to remove or alleviate barriers to, or difficulties with, access to services identified in questions 3.1, 3.2 or 3.3, or otherwise fulfil NICE's obligation to advance equality?

No. The Committee considered equality issues at each meeting and are satisfied that recommendations drafted are in line with the available evidence and best practice.

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