

# NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE EXCELLENCE

## NICE guidelines

### Equality impact assessment

#### Multiple pregnancy

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 draft guideline consultation)

3.1 Have the potential equality issues identified during the scoping process been addressed by the Committee, and, if so, how?

At scoping it was pointed out that particular groups of women (women undergoing assisted conception, women aged over 35 yrs, women of west African ethnic origin, women with family history of multiple pregnancy) are more likely to have multiple pregnancies than others. However, this did not have a direct impact on specific recommendations. The recommendations were designed to be applicable to all women once it is established that the woman is pregnant with twins or triplets regardless of age or background.

Other groups with potential equalities issues identified during scoping were:

- women who have difficulties communicating in English
- women with learning difficulties.

We have cross referred to the guideline on [patient experience in adult NHS services](#) to specify how information should be provided and when people have difficulties understanding the content of the information or needing a translator.

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 equality issues were identified during development of the guideline.

3.3 Were the Committee's considerations of equality issues described in the consultation document, and, if so, where?

Yes, considerations of the equality issues related to women who have difficulties communicating in English and women with learning difficulties are captured in the rationale and impact section on planning birth in the short version of the guideline.

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 they do not.

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 there is no potential for this.

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?

The recommendations apply to all women with a twin or triplet pregnancy equally and therefore will fulfil NICE's obligation to advance equality.

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