

## 1.0.7 DOC EIA

# NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE EXCELLENCE

## EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

### NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE EXCELLENCE

#### NICE guidelines

##### Equality impact assessment

##### Termination of pregnancy

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?

The following groups/issues have been identified as potentially needing specific consideration during development of the guideline:

- living in remote areas
- complex pre-existing medical conditions
- coexisting mental health problems
- learning disabilities
- vulnerable women (including sex workers and women who are homeless)
- girls and younger women
- women who have communication difficulties, because of vision or hearing problems or because they have difficulty understanding English

## 1.0.7 DOC EIA

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 evidence will be examined to see if it supports making different recommendations for the groups identified above

The following areas have been specifically excluded from the scope of this guideline:

- Care between conception and requesting termination of pregnancy
- The ongoing care of women who decide not to terminate pregnancy

These exclusions are because this guideline starts at the point that termination of pregnancy has been requested.

Completed by Developer \_\_Angela Bennett\_\_\_\_\_

Date 8.6.17\_\_\_\_\_

Approved by NICE quality assurance lead \_\_\_\_\_

Date\_\_\_\_\_

## 2.0 Checking for updates and scope: after consultation (to be completed by the Developer and submitted with the revised scope)

2.1 Have any potential equality issues been identified during consultation, and, if so, what are they?

Stakeholders identified the following additional groups as requiring special consideration on the grounds of equality issues:

- Women suffering domestic violence, abuse or coercion from their partner or family
- Women who are socially disadvantaged.
- BME groups

## 1.0.7 DOC EIA

- Women misusing drugs and alcohol

2.2 Have any changes to the scope been made as a result of consultation to highlight potential equality issues?

A variety of potential equalities issues are relevant to this guideline. As each of these issues are only relevant to specific questions in the scope, they have been removed from the scope and documented in this assessment instead. Three additional groups have been added to the list based on stakeholder feedback – women suffering domestic violence, abuse or coercion from their partner or family; women who are socially disadvantaged; women experiencing cultural barriers to accessing services.

The following groups have been identified as potentially needing specific consideration during development of the guideline:

- Women living in remote areas
- Women with coexisting mental health problems
- Women with learning disabilities
- Vulnerable women (including sex workers and women who are homeless)
- Young women
- Women who have communication difficulties, because of vision or hearing problems or because they have difficulty understanding English
- Women suffering domestic violence, abuse or coercion from their partner or family
- Women who are socially disadvantaged.
- Women experiencing cultural barriers to accessing services.

When making recommendations, these equalities issues will be considered for the relevant questions to see if different recommendations need to be made to prevent inequalities.

Women with complex pre-existing medical conditions have been added to the scope as a subgroup that will need specific consideration during development of the guideline.

## 1.0.7 DOC EIA

2.3 Is the primary focus of the guideline a population with a specific disability-related communication need?

If so, do the key messages for the public need to be produced in an alternative version?

If so, which alternative version is recommended?

The alternative versions available are:

- large font or audio versions for a population with sight loss
- British Sign Language videos for a population deaf from birth
- 'Easy read' versions for people with learning disabilities or cognitive impairment.

Does an alternative version(s) of the consultation documents also need to be produced?

No

Updated by Developer \_\_\_Angela Bennett\_\_\_\_\_

Date\_\_29/8/17\_\_\_\_\_

Approved by NICE quality assurance lead \_\_\_\_\_

Date\_\_\_\_\_

## 1.0.7 DOC EIA

### 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?

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?

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

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?

### 1.0.7 DOC EIA

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?

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?

Completed by Developer \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by NICE quality assurance lead \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## 1.0.7 DOC EIA

### 4.0 Final guideline (to be completed by the Developer before GE consideration of final guideline)

4.1 Have any additional potential equality issues been raised during the consultation, and, if so, how has the Committee addressed them?

4.2 If the recommendations have changed after consultation, are there any recommendations that 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?

4.3 If the recommendations have changed after consultation, is there potential for the recommendations to have an adverse impact on people with disabilities because of something that is a consequence of the disability?

4.4 If the recommendations have changed after consultation, 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 4.1, 4.2 and 4.3, or otherwise fulfil NICE's obligations to advance equality?

## 1.0.7 DOC EIA

4.5 Have the Committee's considerations of equality issues been described in the final guideline, and, if so, where?

Updated by Developer \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by NICE quality assurance lead \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



## 1.0.7 DOC EIA

**5.0 After Guidance Executive amendments – if applicable (to be completed by appropriate NICE staff member after Guidance Executive)**

5.1 Outline amendments agreed by Guidance Executive below, if applicable:

--

Approved by Developer \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by NICE quality assurance lead \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**1.0.7 DOC EIA**

**NICE guidelines**

**Equality report EIA analysis form**

**[Title of guideline]**

<b>Product Code</b>									
<b>Title / Topic</b>									
<b>If equality issues identified, how many?</b>									
<b>What was the breakdown of identified equality issues, by protected, socioeconomic, or 'other' characteristic?</b>									
<b>Age</b>	<b>Disability</b>	<b>Gender reassignment</b>	<b>Pregnancy maternity</b>	<b>Race</b>	<b>Religion or belief</b>	<b>Sex</b>	<b>Sexual orientation</b>	<b>Socio-economic</b>	<b>Other</b>
<b>How many issues had an impact on recommendations?</b>									
<b>If equality issues were identified, summarise what they were</b>									
<b>What was the breakdown of equality issues with an impact on recommendations?</b>									

### 1.0.7 DOC EIA

Age	Disability	Gender reassignment	Pregnancy maternity	Race	Religion or belief	Sex	Sexual orientation	Socio-economic	Other
<p><b>If equality issues had impacts on recommendations, summarise these impacts</b></p>									