

## **Workplace health: Long term sickness and incapacity to work: Guideline Update**

### **1 Background**

The Workplace health: Long term sickness and incapacity to work guideline ([PH19](#)) was reviewed in 2017 as part of NICE's routine surveillance programme to decide whether the guideline requires updating.

### **2 Surveillance programme findings**

The surveillance programme identified new evidence on Workplace Health: Long term sickness and incapacity to work indicating a partial update is required. The full report can be found [here](#).

### **3 Guideline Update**

We are answering the following question(s):

- What work or primary care-based interventions, programmes, policies or strategies are effective and cost-effective in preventing or reducing the number of employees moving from short to long-term sickness absence? This includes activities to prevent or reduce the re-occurrence of short-term sickness absence episodes.
- What work or primary care-based interventions, programmes, policies or strategies are effective and cost-effective in helping employees who have been on long-term sickness absence to return to work?
- What work or primary care-based interventions, programmes, policies or strategies are effective and cost-effective in helping to reduce the number of employees who take long-term sickness absence on a recurring basis?

### **4 Guideline Update process**

The guideline update will be produced using a Public Health Advisory Committee (PHAC), according to the standard [NICE methods and processes for developing NICE guidelines](#)

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Committee meeting dates: TBC

Consultation dates: TBC

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