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NICE guidelines Equality impact assessment

Colorectal cancer

The impact on equality has been assessed during guidance development according to the principles of the NICE equality policy.

1.0 Scope: before 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 development of the draft scope, before consultation, and, if so, what are they?

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

The following groups were identified and discussed when drafting the guideline scope:

- Older people with long term conditions/co-morbidities. The extent of staging for older patients is an issue. This group often receive fewer investigations and have lower surgery rates.
- It was noted that some Asian and Pakistani populations were less likely to seek treatment or enter the care pathway. The evidence was anecdotal for this and it was not felt that these populations would benefit from separate recommendations, especially as this guideline was not concerned with screening or diagnosis.

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?

All the potential equality issues were discussed and it was decided that these groups would be given specific consideration when developing the guideline:

- older people with long term conditions/co-morbidities

For this group, the guideline committee will consider whether data should be analysed separately and whether separate recommendations are required on a case-by-case basis.

Groups may be prioritised further following the stakeholder responses to scope consultation.

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