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EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Pelvic floor dysfunction: prevention and non-surgical management

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 queried issues related to the following groups:

- trans people or people who have undergone gender reassignment
- exclusion of men
- how and why young women over the age of 12 are included

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

Yes, in relation to issues about women and inclusivity related to trans people we have made the following addition to the 'who is the focus' section:

For simplicity of language, this guideline uses the term 'women' throughout, but this should be taken to include those who do not identify as women but who have female pelvic organs.

This is to highlight the importance of this guideline to anyone with female pelvic organs regardless of which gender they may identify with.

Why men were excluded was explained to the stakeholder (this was captured in the pre-consultation version of this form):

- mechanisms and reasons why men may develop pelvic floor dysfunction and the associated complications differ.

- one of the reasons for the referral of this guideline is the avoidance of surgical treatment for women who had urinary incontinence or pelvic organ prolapse which are two of the main complications of pelvic floor dysfunction.

Why young women over the age of 12 are included was explained to the stakeholder. This relates to prevention of pelvic floor failure as well as treatment of pelvic floor failure if it does occur at an early age.

2.3 Have any of the changes made led to a change in the primary focus of the guideline which would require consideration of a specific communication or engagement need, related to disability, age, or other equality consideration?

If so, what is it and what action might be taken by NICE or the developer to meet this need? (For example, adjustments to committee processes, additional forms of consultation)

No they have not led to such a change.

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