

# EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

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## NICE guidelines

### Equality impact assessment

#### Stroke rehabilitation in over 16s (update)

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 Is the proposed primary focus of the guideline a population with a specific communication or engagement need, related to disability, age, or other equality consideration? Y/N

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.)

None

1.2 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?

- Age

- Disability
- Gender reassignment
- Pregnancy and maternity
- Race : The draft scope includes consideration of the role of Speech and Language therapy Apps. These are likely to have limitations in the languages covered.
- Religion or belief
- Sex
- Sexual orientation
- Socio-economic factors
- Other definable characteristics (these are examples):
  - refugees
  - asylum seekers
  - migrant workers
  - looked-after children
  - people who are homeless
  - prisoners and young offenders
  - any others identified

### 1.3 What is the preliminary view on the extent to which these potential equality issues need addressing by the Committee?

We will consider whether subjects in trial of Speech and Language Apps are confined to those with a specific first language. However, it seems likely that the availability of translations will be limited and it will therefore be difficult to accommodate all language preferences within the Guideline

There are also potential issues with access to Apps since the necessary equipment may not be available to those with lower socio-economic status. Along the same lines, some aspects of Rehabilitation may be delivered via video, particularly since the onset of the Covid pandemic, and access to this may not be equally available to all.

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