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Equality impact assessment

Preterm labour and birth (update)

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?

One stakeholder commented that women with poor diet, poor social conditions, fewer years of education, on low incomes, from the BAME or refugee communities and with poor health are likely to have an increased risk of preterm birth. However, the guideline does not include information on the risk factors for preterm birth and so this comment did not lead to a change in the recommendations, but it will be flagged to the NICE surveillance team for consideration in future updates.

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?

The changes to the recommendations following consultation were very minor and have not made it more difficult for a specific group to access services compared with other groups.

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?

The changes to the recommendations following consultation were very minor and have not had 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?

Not applicable.

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

No new equality considerations have been added to the final guideline as a result of consultation.

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