

# NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE EXCELLENCE

## NICE guidelines

### Equality impact assessment

#### Preterm labour and birth

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

#### **3.0 Guideline development: before consultation (to be completed by the Developer before consultation on the draft guideline)**

3.1 Have the potential equality issues identified during the scoping process been addressed by the Committee, and, if so, how?

No scoping phase was carried out for this guideline update.

3.2 Have any **other** potential equality issues (in addition to those identified during the scoping process) been identified, and, if so, how has the Committee addressed them?

During development the committee considered each of these characteristics in turn to identify if there were any potential equality issues relating to the part of the guideline being updated.

- Age – no potential equality issues identified.
- Disability – no potential equality issues identified.
- Gender reassignment - the guideline will use the term 'woman' or 'women' throughout, and this should be taken to include people who do not identify as women but who are pregnant.
- Pregnancy and maternity - the guideline relates to women who are pregnant.
- Race - no potential equality issues identified.

- Religion or belief - no potential equality issues identified.
- Sex - men are not included in the scope of this guideline and it is not anticipated that the recommendations will relate to men (but see above, gender reassignment)
- Sexual orientation - no potential equality issues identified.
- Socio-economic factors - no potential equality issues identified.

3.3 Have the Committee's considerations of equality issues been described in the guideline for consultation, and, if so, where?

A statement has been placed at the front of the guideline to clarify that the guideline will use the term 'woman' or 'women' throughout, and this should be taken to include people who do not identify as women but who are pregnant.

3.4 Do the preliminary recommendations 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?

No, the preliminary recommendations do not make it more difficult in practice for a specific group to access services compared with other groups.

3.5 Is there potential for the preliminary recommendations to have an adverse impact on people with disabilities because of something that is a consequence of the disability?

No, the preliminary recommendations do not have the potential to have an adverse impact on people with disabilities because of something that is a consequence of the disability.

3.6 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 box 3.4, or otherwise fulfil NICE's obligation to advance equality?

Not applicable.

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