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NICE guidelines

Equality impact assessment

Glaucoma: diagnosis and management

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 draft guideline consultation)

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

The guideline committee considered the equality issues identified in making recommendations. In particular the GC looked at age of patients and considered the risk of visual impairment within their lifetimes. Whilst glaucoma is more common in people of Black African or Black Caribbean descent, the committee considered that the recommendations were suitable for all. The recommendations should help to promote equal opportunity if implemented by reducing variation in practice.

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?

No

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3.3 Were the Committee's considerations of equality issues described in the consultation document, and, if so, where?

When considering the evidence the GC discussed any potential equality issues. If any were identified this was recorded in the "Recommendations and link to evidence section".

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?

Some tests used in case finding and diagnosis may not be suitable for some people due to disability. The committee made a recommendation that alternative tests should be used if this is the case.

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

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 questions 3.1, 3.2 or 3.3, or otherwise fulfil NICE's obligation to advance equality?

No

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