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NICE guidelines

Equality impact assessment

Hearing Loss in over 18s: Assessment and management

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

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?

Yes

Provision of hearing aids is made on the basis of age (over 50) within some clinical Commissioning Groups and the guideline does not comment on this.

The guideline states provision of hearing aids should be based on need and that provision of hearing aids should not be delayed.

The recommendation for followup appointments to be face to face is too restrictive for people who may have difficulty in attending appointments in person because of lack of transport or other support needs given this is primarily and older population.

The committee have revised the recommendation to offer followup appointments by telephone or other remote devices if this is the preference of the person.

The guideline has not addressed access to hearing services and making more provision available locally within the community.

The guideline has cross referred to the patient experience guideline, specifically the tailoring healthcare services section which provides guidance on the principles of applying an individualised approach to meet patient needs.

4.1 Have any additional potential equality issues been raised during the consultation, and, if so, how has the Committee addressed them?

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?

No

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?

No

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?

See 4.1

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

The committee discussion of equality issues are in the Linking evidence to recommendations sections of the full guideline. See: Chapter 7 subgroups, chapter 12 Information and advice, Chapter 14 assistive listening devices

The committee members were aware of variability in the provision of hearing aids across England, and this is discussed in chapter 8 and 15.

Updated by Developer Gill Ritchie, Guideline Lead

Date: 23/02/18

Approved by NICE quality assurance lead: Kay Nolan, Guideline Lead

Date: 06/06/18

5.0 After Guidance Executive amendments – if applicable (to be completed by appropriate NICE staff member after Guidance Executive)

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| 5.1 Outline amendments agreed by Guidance Executive below, if applicable: |
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Approved by Developer: Gill Gill Ritchie, Guideleine Lead

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