

# **National Institute for Health and Care Excellence**

## **Centre for Public Health**

### ***Second Review Decision***

#### **Review of Public Health guidance (PH12) – Social and emotional wellbeing in primary education**

## **1 Background information**

This guidance was originally issued in 2008. The update review was conducted in 2011 and subsequent consideration was given in February 2012.

Guidance executive noted in July 2011 that while there was sufficient evidence from stakeholders to warrant an update, the updating process should wait until there was further information available about the operating principles and structures arising from the setting up of Public Health England.

An updated review document was submitted to Guidance Executive in February 2012 following a consultation with the Department of Health

## **2 Review Decision**

Guidance executive agreed in February 2012 that the guidance should be updated following stakeholder consultation which highlighted that:

- recommendations could be strengthened by a level of detail of evidence that wasn't available when the evidence for this guidance was originally collated.

- There were a number of others areas that could be included in the guidance or developed separately.
- There was a need to ensure the continuity of programmes aiming to promote the social and emotional wellbeing of children and young people was assured by use of a life course framework. Given other guidance in this area for other age groups, this could be achieved through the pathways project.

### **3 DH Consultation**

Subsequent to the July 2011 Guidance Executive decision, the DH requested discussion on the updating of the guidance, in the light of policy developments and reforms. DH policy leads requested that the updated guidance should focus on the needs of local authorities and particularly health and wellbeing boards and those involved in the commissioning of children services.

A draft scope for the updated guidance was prepared and shared with DH and DfE policy leads via the Leeds liaison unit. The scope was revised accordingly.

A further report was submitted to the Guidance Executive in February 2012 to request that the update of the guidance could commence and this was approved.

### **4 Process for updating guidance**

Public health guidance is reviewed 3 years after publication to determine whether all or part of it should be updated.

The process for updating NICE public health guidance is as follows:

- NICE convenes an expert group to consider whether any new evidence or significant changes in policy and practice would be likely to lead to substantively different recommendations. The expert group consists of selected members (including cooptees) of the original committee that developed the guidance, the review team that produced the original evidence reviews, and representatives of relevant government departments.
- NICE consults with stakeholders on its proposal for updating the guidance (this review consultation document).
- NICE may amend its proposal, in light of feedback from stakeholder consultation.
- NICE determines where any guidance update fits within its work programme, alongside other priorities.

## **5 Equality and diversity considerations**

There has been no evidence to indicate that the guidance does not comply with anti-discrimination and equalities legislation.

## **6 Conclusion**

Overall, it was agreed that the recommendations still stood. However there was additional evidence available to further elaborate the detail in recommendations. Following consultation with the DH and consideration of the timing for the update (Public Health England is now established). Guidance Executive agreed that it was timely to update the guidance.

**Full details of the original review for update can be found at:**

**<http://guidance.nice.org.uk/PH12/ReviewDecision/pdf/English>**

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