

National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence

Centre for Public Health Excellence

Review consultation document

Review of Public Health guidance (PH5) – Workplace interventions to promote smoking cessation

1 Background information

Guidance issue date: 2007, considered for review in 2008

3 year review: 2011

2 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.

3 Consideration of the evidence and practice

The expert group discussed current and ongoing research of relevance to the current recommendations.

Recommendations 1, 2 and 3

The expert group did not consider that current evidence or practice necessitated an update of Recommendations 1, 2 or 3.

Recommendation 4

This recommendation has been superseded by Smoking cessation services (PH10) so does not require updating.

Recommendations 5

The expert panel noted that because of proposed changes in the delivery of stop smoking services, it was no longer appropriate to direct recommendations to 'NHS Stop Smoking Services' managers, but that the main body of the recommendation did not require updating.

Recommendation 6

The recommendation was made to support introduction of smokefree legislation in England in July 2007, is no longer relevant.

4 Implementation and post publication feedback

About 30 enquiries were received from post-publication feedback, many of which were requests for printed copies or links to related products.

No new evidence was identified through post publication enquiries or implementation feedback that would indicate a need to update the guidance.

5 Related NICE guidance

- Quitting smoking in pregnancy and following childbirth, Public Health guidance 26. published June 2010 (see <http://guidance.nice.org.uk/PH26>).
- Management of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease in adults in primary and secondary care (partial update). Clinical guideline 101 published June 2010. This guideline partially updates and replaces NICE clinical guideline 12 see <http://guidance.nice.org.uk/CG101>
- Prevention of cardiovascular disease at the population level. Public health guidance 25 Published June 2010. See <http://guidance.nice.org.uk/PH25>
- Unstable angina and NSTEMI: the early management of unstable angina and non-ST-segment-elevation myocardial infarction Clinical guideline 94 published March 2010 See <http://guidance.nice.org.uk/CG94>
- School-based interventions to prevent the uptake of smoking among children. Public health guidance 23 Published February 2010 See <http://guidance.nice.org.uk/PH23>
- Identifying and supporting people most at risk of dying prematurely Public health guidance 15 Published September 2008 See <http://guidance.nice.org.uk/PH15>
- Preventing the uptake of smoking by children and young people Public health guidance 14 Published July 2008 See <http://guidance.nice.org.uk/PH14>

6 Equality and diversity considerations

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

7 Conclusion

The expert panel noted that the three recommendations about workplace support for people who want to stop smoking was relevant and did not require any change. The context of one recommendation had changed, but the

recommendation had been superseded by subsequent public health guidance. A further recommendation would become dated because of reference to the provision of services, but the expert panel agreed that this did not require the reissue of the guidance. A further recommendation, intended to support the introduction of smokefree legislation was no longer relevant. .

Recommendation

The guidance does not require updating.

8 Next steps

Following consultation on this draft review proposal, the final recommendation will be made to NICE's Guidance Executive. Following that, the outcome will be made available on the website.

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