

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE EXCELLENCE

QUALITY STANDARD TOPIC OVERVIEW

1 Quality standard title

Oral health promotion in the community.

2 Introduction

2.1 *NICE quality standards*

NICE quality standards are a concise set of prioritised statements designed to drive measurable quality improvements within a particular area of health or care.

The standards are derived from high-quality guidance, such as that from NICE or [accredited](#) by NICE. They are developed independently by NICE, in collaboration with health, public health and social care practitioners, their partners and service users. Information on priority areas, people's experience of using services, safety issues, equality and cost impact are considered during the development process.

NICE quality standards are central to supporting the government's vision for a health and social care system that is focused on delivering the best possible outcomes for people who use services, as detailed in the [Health and Social Care Act \(2012\)](#).

The quality standard development process is described in detail on the [NICE website](#).

2.2 *This topic overview*

This topic overview describes core elements of the quality standard. These include the population and topic to be covered, key source guidance to be used to underpin potential quality statements, any related quality standards,

published current practice information and national or routine indicators and performance measures.

If the source guidance is not NICE guidance, it should meet the minimum quality criteria defined in NICE's [accreditation programme](#).

3 This quality standard

This quality standard is expected to publish in December 2016.

3.1 Population and topic to be covered

The quality standard will cover activities undertaken by local authorities and general dental practices to improve oral health. This includes needs assessments and other community-based activities. It will particularly focus on people whose economic, social, environmental circumstances or lifestyle place them at high risk of poor oral health or make it difficult for them to use dental services. The quality standard will also cover advice given by dentists and dental care practitioners to everyone attending general dental practices.

The quality standard will cover people living in the community. It will not cover care homes or hospitals, because this will be addressed in an upcoming quality standard.

3.2 Key development sources (NICE and NICE-accredited sources)

Primary source

- [Oral health promotion: general dental practice](#) (2015) NICE guideline NG30
- [Oral health: local authorities and partners](#) (2014) NICE guideline PH55

Other sources that may be used

- [Dental interventions to prevent caries in children](#) (2014) SIGN guideline 138
- [Dental checks: intervals between oral health reviews](#) (2004) NICE guideline CG19

Key policy documents, reports and national audits

Relevant policy documents, reports and national audits will be used to inform the development of the quality standard.

- Public Health England (2016) [Oral health of older people in England and Wales](#)
- Public Health England (2015) [Dental caries and obesity: their relationship in children](#)
- NHS England (2014) [Improving dental care and oral health – call to action](#)
- Public Health England (2014) [Delivering better oral health: an evidence-based toolkit for prevention](#)
- Public Health England (2014) [Local authorities improving oral health: commissioning better oral health for children and young people](#)
- Public Health England (2014) [Smokefree and smiling: helping dental patients to quit tobacco](#)
- Health & Social Care Information Centre (2011) [Adult dental health survey 2009](#)
- Department of Health (2010) [Healthy lives, healthy people: our strategy for public health in England](#)

3.3 *Related NICE quality standards*

Published

- [Obesity in adults: prevention and lifestyle weight management programmes](#) (2016) NICE quality standard QS111
- [Obesity in children and young people: prevention and lifestyle weight management programmes](#) (2015) NICE quality standard QS94
- [Alcohol: preventing harmful use in the community](#) (2015) NICE quality standard QS83
- [Smoking: reducing and preventing tobacco use](#) (2015) NICE quality standard QS82
- [Smoking: supporting people to stop](#) (2013) NICE quality standard QS43
- [Alcohol use disorders: diagnosis and management](#) (2011) NICE quality standard QS11

NICE quality standard: Oral health promotion in the community overview (February 2016)

In development

- [Early years: promoting health and well-being in the early years, including those in complex families](#). Publication expected August 2016.

Future quality standards

This quality standard will be developed in the context of all quality standards referred to NICE, including the following quality standards scheduled for future development:

- Oral health promotion in care homes and hospitals
- School-based interventions: health promotion and mental well-being

The full list of quality standard topics referred to NICE is available from the [quality standard topic library](#) on the NICE website.

4 Existing indicators

- Department of Health (2014) [NHS Outcomes Framework 2015–16](#)
 - 3.7i Decaying teeth
 - 3.7ii Tooth extractions in secondary care for children under 10
- Department of Health (2012) [Public Health Outcomes Framework 2013–2016](#) 4.2 Tooth decay in children aged 5

5 Further information

See the NICE website for more information about [NICE quality standards](#) and the [progress of this quality standard](#).