

# NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE EXCELLENCE

## QUALITY STANDARD TOPIC OVERVIEW

### 1 Quality standard title

Oral health promotion in care homes and hospitals

### 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 June 2017.

#### **3.1 Population and topic to be covered**

This quality standard will cover oral health, including dental health and daily mouth care, for adults in care homes and hospitals. It will include people in care homes both with and without nursing provision.

Oral health promotion in the community is covered in a separate quality standard.

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

##### **Primary source**

- [Oral health for adults in care homes](#) (2016) NICE guideline NG48.

##### **Other sources that may be used**

- [Managing medicines in care homes](#) (2014) NICE guideline SC1
- [Oral health: local authorities and partners](#) (2014) NICE guideline PH55
- [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.

- Welsh Government (2016) [A national oral health plan for Wales - annual report 2015/16](#)

- NHS England (2014) [Improving dental care and oral health – a call to action](#)
- Public Health England (2014) [Delivering better oral health: an evidence-based toolkit for prevention](#)
- NHS Health Scotland (2013) [Caring for smiles: Guide for care homes - Better oral care for dependent older people](#)
- British Dental Association (2012) [Oral healthcare for older people 2020 vision – check-up January 2012](#)
- Scottish Government (2012) [National oral health improvement strategy for priority groups: frail older people, people with special care needs and those who are homeless](#)

### **3.3 Related NICE quality standards**

#### **Published**

- [Medicines management in care homes](#) (2015) NICE quality standard 85
- [Mental wellbeing of older people in care homes](#) (2013) NICE quality standard 50

#### **In development**

- [Social care for older people with multiple long-term conditions](#). Publication expected September 2016
- [Oral health promotion in the community](#). Publication expected December 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:

- Care and support of older people with learning disabilities
- Service user and carer experience: service user and carer experience of social care
- Supporting decision making in people who lack mental capacity

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 (2016) [NHS outcomes framework 2016–17](#)
  - 3.7i Decaying teeth
  - 4.4ii Access to NHS dental services
- Department of Health (2016) [Dental quality and outcomes framework 2016–17](#).

## **5 Further information**

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