

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE EXCELLENCE

QUALITY STANDARD TOPIC OVERVIEW

1 Quality standard title

Transition between inpatient mental health settings and community or care home settings.

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,

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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 August 2017.

3.1 Population and topic to be covered

This quality standard will cover the period before, during and after a person is admitted to, and discharged from, a mental health hospital. It will include children, young people and adults who are admitted from, or discharged to, care homes and other community settings.

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

Primary source

- [Transition between inpatient mental health settings and community or care home settings](#) (2016) NICE guideline NG53.

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.

- Department of Health (2016) [Out of area placements in mental health services for adults in acute inpatient care](#).
- NHS England (2016) [Implementing the five year forward view for mental health](#).
- Department of Health (2016) [Social work: improving adult mental health](#)
- Joint Commissioning Panel for Mental Health (2013) [Guidance for commissioners of acute care – inpatient and crisis home treatment](#)

3.3 Related NICE quality standards

Published

- [Home care for older people](#) (2016) NICE quality standard 123.
- [Medicines optimisation](#) (2016) NICE quality standard 120.
- [Medicines management in care homes](#) (2015) NICE quality standard 85.
- [Mental wellbeing of older people in care homes](#) (2013) NICE quality standard 50.
- [Service user experience in adult mental health services](#) (2011) NICE quality standard 14.

In development

- [Transition between inpatient hospital settings and community or care home settings for adults with social care needs](#). Publication date to be confirmed.
- [Mental wellbeing and independence for older people](#). 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:

- Acute medical admissions in the first 48 hours
- Mental well-being: life course, settings and subgroups
- Suicide prevention
- Urgent and emergency care

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

- NHS Digital [Out of area placements statistics](#)
- Department of Health [NHS Outcomes Framework 2016-17](#)

- 1.5i Excess under 75 mortality rate in adults with serious mental illness (also in public health outcomes framework 4.9)
- 1.5ii Excess under 75 mortality rate in adults with common mental illness
- 1.5iii Suicide and mortality from injury of undetermined intent among people with recent contact from NHS services (PHOF 4.10)
- 2.5i Employment of people with mental illness (also in adult social care outcomes framework 1F and PHOF 1.8)
- 2.5ii Health-related quality of life for people with mental illness (also in ASCOF 1A and PHOF 1.6)

5 Further information

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