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NICE quality standards

Equality impact assessment

Drug misuse prevention

The impact on equality has been assessed during quality standard development according to the principles of the NICE equality policy.

1. TOPIC ENGAGEMENT STAGE

1.1 Have any potential equality issues been identified during this stage of the development process?

The quality standard will cover the prevention or delay of harmful use of drugs by children, young people and adults most likely to start using drugs. This includes people with the following protected characteristics:

- people who have mental health problems
- people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender
- people not in employment, education or training (including children and young people who are excluded from school or who truant regularly)
- children and young people who are looked after or care leavers
- children and young people who are in contact with young offender teams but not in secure environments (prisons and young offender institutions)
- people who are considered homeless.

There is also a potential equality issue regarding access to interventions for transient communities, such as people who are homeless.

1.2 Have any population groups, treatments or settings been excluded from coverage by the quality standard at this stage in the process. Are these exclusions justified – that is, are the reasons legitimate and the exclusion proportionate?

The quality standard will not cover people who are in prison or young offender institutions. A quality standard on [physical health of people in prison](#) is currently in development, and there is a referral to the quality standards topic library for development of a quality standard on mental health of adults in contact with the criminal justice system.

The quality standard will not cover people who are already dependent on drugs, or who use drugs regularly and excessively, or people who are part of on-going drug treatment and recovery. A quality standard has already been developed for [drug use disorders in adults](#) which covers the treatment of adults (18 years or over) who use drugs.

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2. PRE-CONSULTATION STAGE

2.1 Have any potential equality issues been identified during the development of the quality standard (including those identified during the topic engagement process)? How have they been addressed?

It was identified during development of the quality standard that certain groups are more vulnerable to drug misuse, including people with certain protected characteristics. Statements have been developed that are intended to enable access to drug misuse and support for all groups.

2.2 Have any changes to the scope of the quality standard been made as a result of topic engagement to highlight potential equality issues?

No changes have been made to the scope of the quality standard at this stage.

2.3 Do the draft quality statements make it more difficult in practice for a specific group to access services compared with other groups? If so, what are the barriers to, or difficulties with, access for the specific group?

The draft quality statements do not make it more difficult in practice for a specific group to access services compared with other groups.

2.4 Is there potential for the draft quality statements to have an adverse impact on people with disabilities because of something that is a consequence of the disability?

It is not envisaged that there is potential for the draft quality statements to have an adverse impact on people with disabilities because of something that is a consequence of the disability.

2.5 Are there any recommendations or explanations that the committee could make to remove or alleviate barriers to, or difficulties with, access to services identified in questions 2.1, 2.2 or 2.3, or otherwise fulfil NICE's obligation to advance equality?

The equality and diversity considerations section of quality statement 4 includes detail of providing information that is accessible to people with additional needs such as physical, sensory or learning disabilities, and to people (including families and carers) who do not speak or read English, or who have reduced literacy skills. People should have access to an interpreter or advocate if needed.

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3. POST CONSULTATION STAGE

3.1 Have any additional potential equality issues been raised during the consultation stage, and, if so, how has the committee addressed them?

No specific equality issues or health inequalities were identified.

3.2 If the quality statements have changed after the consultation stage, are there any that make it more difficult in practice for a specific group to access services compared with other groups? If so, what are the barriers to, or difficulties with, access for the specific group?

The draft quality statements do not make it more difficult in practice for a specific group to access services compared with other groups.

3.3 If the quality statements have changed after consultation, is there potential for the recommendations to have an adverse impact on people with disabilities because of something that is a consequence of the disability?

It is not envisaged that there is potential for the draft quality statements to have an adverse impact on people with disabilities because of something that is a consequence of the disability.

3.4 If the quality statements have changed after consultation, are there any recommendations or explanations that the Committee could make to remove or alleviate barriers to, or difficulties with, access to services identified in questions 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3, or otherwise fulfil NICE's obligations to advance equality?

Not applicable.

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4. After Guidance Executive amendments – if applicable

4.1 Outline amendments agreed by Guidance Executive below, if applicable:

None required.

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