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NICE quality standards

Equality impact assessment

People's experience using adult social care services

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 guideline development group noted that the following groups may have difficulty in accessing social care provision:

- People in complex and/or unstable living situations
- People with communication difficulties, and/or sensory impairment
- People with cognitive impairment including dementia

It also noted that lower socio-economic status may be associated with poor access to information about care options, or difficulty to pay for alternative care when no adult provision is available, or when individuals do not meet the threshold for adult services. These issues will be considered during quality standard development.

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?

Children's social care is not included in this quality standard because the legislation, services and processes are different.

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