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NICE quality standards

Equality impact assessment

Dementia (update)

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?

Older lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) people are more likely to be isolated, due to being estranged from their families, or less likely to have children, for example, which increases their need for formal care services¹. However, LGBT people may have experienced discrimination that makes them reluctant to use services.

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?

People with juvenile onset dementia will not be covered by the quality standard as juvenile onset dementia has different causes and symptoms, so people would be seen by different services and it would be managed differently.

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¹ National Care Forum (2017) Foundations for the future: dementia care for LGBT communities