# NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE EXCELLENCE

### **NICE** quality standards

# **Equality impact assessment**

## **Decision-making and mental capacity**

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?
No equality issues have been identified at this stage.

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 for decision making and mental capacity will not cover children under 16. Mental capacity legislation in England applies to people over 16 and separate mental health legislation applies to children and adults.

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