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NICE quality standards

Equality impact assessment

Supporting adult carers

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 committee highlighted the following groups that need specific consideration as they may find it more difficult to access services or may have specific needs for how services are delivered:

* older carers (including frail elderly)
* young adult carers (18-25)
* carers with disabilities and long-term health conditions
* male and female carers
* lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) carers
* black, Asian and minority ethnic carers

Any specific needs of these groups will be highlighted during development of the quality standard.

### 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 carers will not include:

* Young carers aged 17 or under
* Adults who care for children under 16 with health and social care needs.

These groups are excluded due to differences in support provision. These groups will, however, be included in relation to whole family assessments.

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