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Primary Care Quality and Outcomes Framework Indicator Advisory Committee recommendations

Indicator area: Diabetes

Recommended Indicator:

The percentage of patients with diabetes who have a record of a dietary review by a suitably competent professional in the preceding 15 months

Background

The Primary Care Quality and Outcomes Framework (QOF) Indicator Advisory Committee (AC) met in June 2011 to consider information on the prioritisation of potential indicators for inclusion in the NICE menu for 2012/13. This included results of the NICE-led public consultation, results from indicator development and pilot feedback, cost effectiveness evidence and equality impact assessment. This report is taken from the full unconfirmed minutes of this two day meeting.

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Wording of the piloted indicator presented to the June 2011 AC:

The percentage of patients with diabetes who have a record of a dietary review by a suitably competent professional in the previous 15 months

The Committee acknowledged the potential local resource implications of the indicator wording and discussed who would conduct a dietary review for diabetes patients. The Committee noted that during the pilot a practice nurse

who had been on a diabetes training course was defined as a 'suitably competent professional'. NICE explained that the NICE Quality Standard for Diabetes in Adults (2011) includes a quality statement on nutrition and refers to 'appropriately trained staff' which is then expanded upon in the definitions section. The NICE team drew the Committee's attention to the Competency Framework developed by Diabetes UK in February 2011. The Committee Chair suggested that this could be referred to in the indicator guidance.

QOF Indicator Advisory Committee final recommendation

The Committee recommended that this indicator be progressed for inclusion on the NICE menu for consideration for QOF. The Committee agreed that the indicator guidance would provide clarity on 'a suitably competent person' and refer to the NICE Quality Standard on Diabetes in Adults (2011) and the Diabetes UK Competency Framework (2011).