

An introduction to NICE

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Our public health guidance is helping to deal with some of the nation's biggest challenges, including obesity, alcohol, tobacco, poor diet and lack of exercise

Healthy lives, healthy people: promoting good health

Our public health guidance promotes activities and strategies that can help prevent disease, improve health and reduce health inequalities

[Read more about our public health guidance](#)

[Support for local government: public health briefings](#)

[Tobacco control return on investment tool for local government](#)



With our new responsibility for providing practice guidance and Quality Standards for social care, we can help deliver better, more integrated services

Defining high quality social care

NICE's quality standards programme has gone from strength to strength over the past year with a number of new standards published for topics including breast cancer and COPD.

[The Health and Social Care Act \(2012\)](#) sets out a new responsibility for NICE to develop quality standards for social care in England from April 2013.

In preparation for this, NICE has been piloting the development of two quality standards for social care on:

- [Dementia: supporting people to live well with dementia](#)
- [Health and wellbeing of looked-after children and young people](#)



Our Quality Standards and the clinical guidelines that support them describe the best care the NHS can offer

QS8

Depression in adults (QS8)

The British Association for Psychopharmacology



The British Psychological Society



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British
Psychological
Society

College of Mental Health Pharmacy



College of Occupational Therapists



College of
Occupational
Therapists

Depression Alliance



MIND



Royal College of Nursing



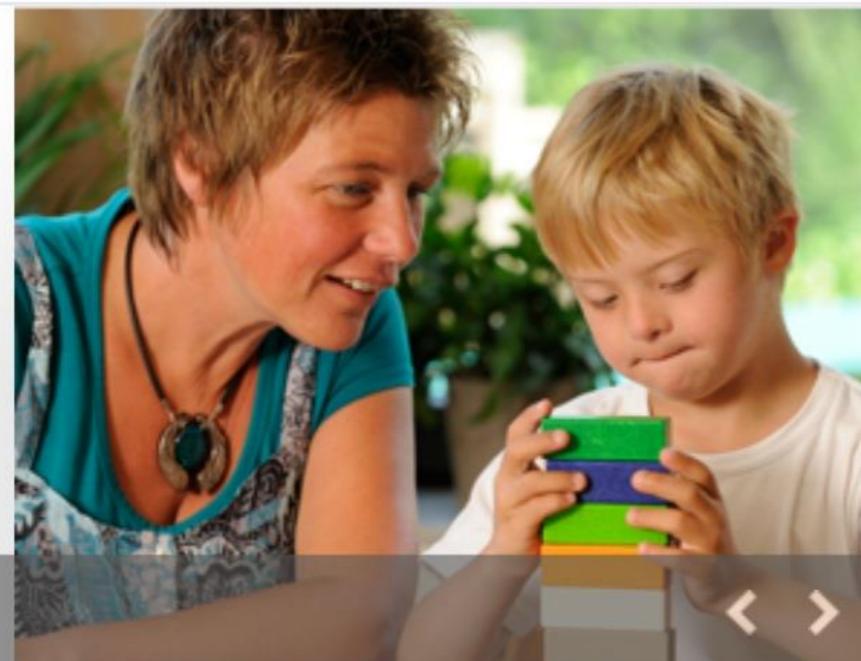
Royal College of Psychiatrists



We make it easy for users, carers and professionals to access our guidance through NICE Pathways

NICE Pathways provides a useful starting point for new users to a topic, whilst giving specialists easy access to updated recommendations

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Medicines and prescribing

Safety, efficiency and effectiveness
in the use of medicines



We now offer a comprehensive suite of advice and support for delivering quality, safety, and efficiency in the use of medicines.

Medicines and prescribing from NICE

We have the most comprehensive source of advice on the best way to use medicines

Download the free NICE Guidance and BNF apps

Download the NICE Guidance app for our latest guidance and quality standards.

The BNF and BNF for Children (BNFC) apps are available for health and social care professionals who work for, or are contracted by, the NHS in England, Scotland and Wales. Log in with your Athens username for instant access to up-to-date prescribing information from the BNF.



Our evidence search engine can help improve outcomes for people using the health and social care services

NICE National Institute for Health and Care Excellence

NICE welcomes new users from the former National electronic Library for Medicines (NeLM). [Click Here for Information](#)

Anything you need to know about health and social care?

Evidence Search
Health and Social Care



We know that putting our guidance into practice is sometimes challenging. We've got advice and support to help make it easy as possible.

Your one-stop how-to guide

If you're responsible for ensuring your organisation is implementing NICE's recommendations, you need our new *Into Practice* guide - a source of practical support for health and social care professionals and managers.

[View the into practice guide](#)



We make genuine efforts to find out what users, carers and professionals think our guidance should say.

Patients and the public

Putting patients and the public at the centre of NICE's work



Patients, carers, service users and members of the public are crucial to NICE, playing a key role in shaping our recommendations. Join NICE's meetings held in public.

Happy to take your questions!

Got a question for NICE?

NICE Question Time is taking place in Milton Keynes on 22 May 2013.

[Book your place today](#) for your chance to put questions to NICE's Chief Executive and Chair.

NICE Question Time is followed by NICE's bi-monthly Board meeting, which is also open to the public.

