

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE EXCELLENCE

NICE guidelines

Equality impact assessment

Joint replacement (primary): hip, knee and shoulder

The impact on equality has been assessed during guidance development according to the principles of the NICE equality policy.

4.0 Final guideline (to be completed by the Developer before GE consideration of final guideline)

4.1 Have any additional potential equality issues been raised during the consultation, and, if so, how has the Committee addressed them?

It was questioned why the guideline relates to adults only and not children too. The guideline scope was restricted to adults because joint replacement is a rare procedure in children and those that need one would likely have a very different pathology to adults.

4.2 If the recommendations have changed after consultation, are there any recommendations that make it more difficult in practice for a specific group to access services compared with other groups? If so, what are the barriers to, or difficulties with, access for the specific group?

Amendments made to the recommendations post consultation are not expected to result in any difficulties in accessing services.

4.3 If the recommendations have changed after consultation, is there potential for the recommendations to have an adverse impact on people with disabilities because of something that is a consequence of the disability?

No, we do not envisage any adverse impact on people with disabilities.

4.4 If the recommendations have changed after consultation, are there any recommendations or explanations that the Committee could make to remove or alleviate barriers to, or difficulties with, access to services identified in question 4.2, or otherwise fulfil NICE's obligations to advance equality?

It was not necessary to make recommendations or explanations, as outlined in section 4.2, the recommendations post consultation are not expected to result in any difficulties in accessing services.

4.5 Have the Committee's considerations of equality issues been described in the final guideline, and, if so, where?

The Committee's consideration of equality issues is detailed in the committee discussion sections of the evidence reviews and in the why the committee made the recommendations sections in the final guideline.

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