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Equality impact assessment

COVID-19 rapid guideline: chronic kidney disease

The impact on equality has been assessed before publication according to the principles of the NICE equality policy.

Final guideline (to be completed by the appropriate NICE staff member before GE consideration of final guideline)

Have any potential equality issues been identified?

Age

The guideline applies only to adults. Any needs specific to children and young people have not been considered.

The guideline makes recommendations on minimising risk by offering alternatives to face-to-face services, for example using video or email consultations whenever possible, and by providing information online. Older people may find it difficult to access these services, which may increase feelings of isolation. The guideline attempts to mitigate this by advising several alternative communication methods that could be used, including phone consultations.

Older people may need support from families and carers if a face-to-face consultation is needed. The guideline recommendations allow for this by advising that patients should try to come alone if they can, but allowing for 1 person to accompany them if needed.

Socioeconomic factors

Some people may not have access to home delivery services for medicines, because of where they live (for example, rural areas). The recommendations state several alternative ways of delivering medicines, such as pharmacy deliveries, postal services, NHS Volunteer Responders or introducing drive-through pick-up points for medicines

Disability

People with some learning or developmental disabilities may need reasonable adjustments to care pathways, and support from additional resources such as local specialist learning disability teams. This forms part of standard care not specific to recommendations in the guideline, and implementation will vary according to local

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services, so no separate recommendations have been made. The guideline overview page will state that this guideline should be used alongside usual professional guidelines, standards and laws (including equalities, safeguarding, communication and mental capacity) .
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Some disabled people may have particular communication needs that need to be taken into account when using alternatives to face-to-face contact. Advice and information should be accessible to people who do not speak or read English. People should have access to an interpreter if needed.

After Guidance Executive amendments – if applicable (to be completed by appropriate NICE staff member after Guidance Executive)

Outline amendments agreed by Guidance Executive below, if applicable:

N/A

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After publication – if applicable (to be completed by appropriate NICE staff member)

Outline potential equality issues raised following publication
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