

EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY RAPID/ (FULL) IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT

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EQIA SUMMARY		
Name of Policy/Function/Product	British guideline on the management of asthma	This is a: Product
Owning Unit/Directorate:	Scottish Intercollegiate Guidelines Network (SIGN)	
)Names / job titles of assessors	Lead: Quality & Information Director 1) Programme Director 2) Joint Chair of Guideline Development Group (SIGN) 3) Joint Chair of Guideline Development Group (BTS)	Date(s) of assessment: Start: 27 June 2007 Finish: 24 July 2007
EQIA results	Adverse impacts: No If adverse, indicate level of significance: Low High	Positive impacts: Yes
Recommended Action	Issue / continue using this Policy/Function/Product: Yes Withdraw the Policy/Function/Product from use: No Undertake a full equality and diversity impact assessment: No	Review date of Product: Annually
Agreed by Head of Unit	Name: Sara Twaddle	Date: 27 July 2007

EQIA SUMMARY

Summary of positive impacts and affected groups

This guideline should have a positive impact through improvement in the effectiveness and quality of health care for individuals suffering from asthma of any kind.

Summary of adverse impacts and affected groups

This guideline is aimed at improving the quality of services to all affected individuals. No adverse impacts are anticipated.

Summary of consultation undertaken

The full range of health care professionals involved with the delivery of health care to patients suffering from asthma were represented on the guideline development group. Asthma UK, the main organisation representing asthma patients and their carers in the UK, was fully involved in the guideline development process at all stages from initial definition of the scope onwards. Further opportunities to comment on the content of the guideline were provided through publication of an early draft of the guideline on the BTS and SIGN web sites, and a peer review process that included individual patient / carer representatives.

Additional information and evidence required

None.

Recommendations

- Evidence of the impact of the current guideline on service provision should be sought as part of the review process.
- Evidence of any differential impact of the condition or services to treat the condition across equality groups should be explicitly considered as part of the review process. Homeless people should receive particular attention in the next edition.

Give reasons to explain why a full EQIA has / has not been recommended

No significant impacts to justify a full impact assessment

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