

Consultation form

We are seeking your views on potential topics relevant to social care for guideline and quality standard development. We would like your views on an initial list of proposed topics and any other areas that you feel need to be included. **The consultation is open from Friday 17 July 2015 to Friday 9 October 2015.** Please return this form to socialcaretopics@nice.org.uk by 5pm on Friday 9th October.

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General comments

Please use the section below to include any general comments you and your organisation may have about the topics relevant to social care.

This response is being submitted on behalf of the CoramBAAF Health Group, which is also a special interest group of the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (RCPCH). The Health Group was formed to support health professionals working with children in the care system, through training, the provision of practice guidance and lobbying to promote the health of these children. With over 500 members UK-wide, an elected Health Group Advisory Committee with representation from community paediatricians working as medical advisers for looked after children and adoption panels, specialist nurses for looked after children, psychologists and psychiatrists, the Health Group has considerable expertise and a wide sphere of influence.

Our area of concern is the particularly vulnerable group comprised of looked after and adopted children and young people.

Feedback on proposed new topics relevant to social care

The table below lists the proposed topics relevant to social care. Please consider the list below and provide the following feedback:

- Should the topic be included?
- Why should the topic be included/excluded?
- If it is to be included what are the key areas that should be covered?
- What are the key sources of evidence for this topic?

In order to analyse the responses we would appreciate it if stakeholders could answer either yes or no to the first question and provide a more detailed response in the subsequent columns.

Proposed topic	Should this be included? (Yes/No)	Why should this be included/excluded?	If included what are the key areas to cover?	What are the key sources of evidence for this topic?
Topic area				
Adoption in looked-after children and young people	Yes	Overall we felt this should be included. Members are concerned that with increasing pressure on funding, the provision and quality of service in some areas is being eroded, and guidance which could be used as a lever for use with commissioners would help to address this. However, it is hoped that any guidance produced would be more practical and readily implemented than some previous NICE guidance, for example public health guidance 28 <i>Looked-after children and young people</i> , which has had little positive impact. Additionally some members expressed concern that adoption is a statutory service	Comprehensive analysis of the child's situation leading to the decision that adoption is the best plan. Health services	

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		supported by extensive guidance, and questioned whether another source of guidance would be helpful, or whether quality would be better improved through investment in front line services and training. The difficulty for service delivery is not a lack of useful guidance, it is having the resources, including funding and sufficient capacity of skilled practitioners, to deliver it.	and the role of the medical adviser.	
Assessment and care and support planning in adults				
Care and support for people with an acquired physical impairment				
Disabilities and complex needs in adults, children and young				

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people				
Fostering in looked-after children and young people	yes	Same response as adoption above. How will this be different from PH 28?		
Maintaining independent living and preventing isolation in adults				
Nutrition in care homes				
Personal and intimate care in adults				
Safeguarding in care homes				
Short-term				

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breaks (respite care) for people with social care needs and their carers				
Support for carers and young carers				
Support for adults, children and young people with sensory disabilities				
Support for young parents in the community				
Support in leaving	yes	This is an area which needs considerable development in order to meet the needs of this group of vulnerable young people. As stated above, it will be important to	Transition between	

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care for looked-after children and young people		produce guidance which is practical and can be readily implemented so that it is effective. Some of this may be addressed in the guidance on transition between child and adult health services currently in development.	paediatric and adult health services. Provision of health history to young people. Attention of emotional health and well-being. Pathway planning.	
Supporting children in care homes: sexual orientation and preventing sexual exploitation				
Supporting sexual identity in adults with social care				

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needs				
Supportive approaches and physical environments in care homes				
Supportive approaches and physical environments in children's homes				

Suggestions for further new topics

Please suggest additional topics that are not currently referred to NICE or included in the list of proposed new topics in this document. For the topics to be considered please provide a rationale and proposed remit for any possible topics.

Are there any other topics that should be included?	Why should this be included?	If included what are the key areas to cover?	What are the key sources of evidence for this topic?
Recognition and management of children with Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder	More children suspected of having FASD are being seen within health services for looked after and adopted children (and within paediatric services in general), yet there is a lack of multidisciplinary services in the UK. Service development, including training, capacity building and clinical pathways are all needed and guidance would assist with this.	Identification of the services needed to comprehensively assess and manage children with suspected FASD. This population of children often has overlapping symptoms and behaviours which may be attributable to attachment disorders, ADHD, autism, etc. There is a strong need to develop services for all aspects of care, and to build capacity of a multidisciplinary workforce with skills to enable recognition and management of these children.	Consensus Statement Regarding the Recognition and Diagnosis of Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Across the Lifespan in the UK: Development of Proposed UK Clinical Pathways, available from the FASD Trust. International experiences of recognition and management of FASD, particularly from Canada and the USA>
Infant mental health	There is increasing recognition within children's services and particularly fostering and adoption that promotion of infant well-being and early recognition of emerging difficulties in children up to five years of age has the most positive impact and is cost effective.	Recommendations regarding who should offer these services and how services should be constructed.	Publications by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mary Dozier • John Simmonds • Carol Hardy and Elizabeth Murphy • Marinus van Ijzendoorn and Femmie Juffer

Importance of new topics

Please also select from the proposed and additional topics:

- the 3 most important topics for children's social care
- the 3 most important topics for adults' social care.

Rank	Most important topic for children's social care	Most important topic for adults' social care
1		
2		
3		

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