



NICE and SCIE partnership projects

People often use both social care and health services to maintain their wellbeing. Evidence shows that when these services are well coordinated this leads to better outcomes for individuals, and more efficient use of resources.

The Social Care Institute for Excellence (SCIE) and the National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE) have been working in partnership for several years to support effective coordination across social care and health. This flyer highlights some of our existing and future projects.

NHS, public health and social care guidelines

NICE and SCIE have a history of successful collaboration which has been mutually beneficial for the health and social care sectors. We have worked together on key issues that affect both sectors including:

- Joint NICE/SCIE clinical guidelines: Dementia: Supporting people with dementia and their carers in health and social care
- Joint NICE/SCIE public health guidance: Promoting the quality of life of looked-after children and young people
- NICE quality standard for stroke (SCIE was a member of the Topic Expert Group and a publication partner)
- NICE clinical guideline on a model for service provision for pregnant women with complex social factors (SCIE was a member of the guideline development group).

We are currently working together on the following guidelines:

- Joint NICE/SCIE clinical guideline on conduct disorders and antisocial behaviour in children and young people: recognition, intervention and management
- Joint NICE/SCIE clinical guideline on the management of autism spectrum disorders in children and young people
- Joint NICE/SCIE public health guidance on Preventing domestic violence: guidance for the police, social services and the NHS
- NICE clinical guideline on stroke rehabilitation: the rehabilitation and support of stroke patients

SCIE is an NHS Evidence accredited producer of guidance and many of SCIE's guides now display the NHS Evidence accreditation mark.

Sharing information

NHS Evidence is an online service, provided by NICE, that offers access to clinical and non-clinical evidence and best practice. SCIE's Social Care Online service is the main provider of social care content on NHS Evidence.

NICE quality standards

SCIE is involved with the following NICE quality standards:

- End of life care (plus development of commissioning guidance)
- Service user experience in adult mental health services (guidance development and quality standard)
- Hip fracture

Social care quality standards

The Health and Social Care Bill currently being debated by Parliament, sets out a new responsibility for NICE to develop quality standards for social care in England. NICE is working with SCIE to develop two pilot social care quality standards.

NICE defines quality standards as “a set of specific, concise statements that act as markers of high-quality, cost-effective patient care, covering the treatment and prevention of different diseases and conditions.”

“NICE quality standards enable:

- **Health and social care professionals** to make decisions about care based on the latest evidence and best practice.
- **Patients** to understand what service they can expect from their health and social care providers.
- **NHS Trusts** to quickly and easily examine the clinical performance of their organisation and assess the standards of care they provide
- **Commissioners** to be confident that the services they are providing are high quality and cost effective.” (See [NICE website](#) for details)

NICE and SCIE have agreed to pilot the existing process on two social care quality standards where joint health and social care guidelines already exist:

- **The health and wellbeing of looked-after children and young people**
- **Care of people with dementia**

We have already brought together a group of social care stakeholders to discuss the pilots and a report from this meeting will be published on both the NICE and SCIE websites shortly. We are currently recruiting chairs of the Topic Expert Groups (TEG) that will guide both of these projects. We will then recruit TEG members. For details visit www.nice.org.uk. It is anticipated that the quality standards will be published around April 2013.

NICE is an expert in developing and sharing guidance within the NHS. SCIE’s experience lies in developing and sharing knowledge across the social care sector. Through the pilots, we will identify most effective ways of assessing evidence and disseminating and supporting implementation of quality standards.

Both organisations continue to have a wider remit, beyond the development of quality standards, therefore both organisations will continue to exist as independent entities.

For details visit www.scie.org.uk or www.nice.org.uk
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