

# NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE EXCELLENCE

## QUALITY STANDARD TOPIC OVERVIEW

### 1      **Quality standard title**

Medicines management: managing the use of medicines in community settings for people receiving social care

### 2      **Introduction**

#### **2.1      *NICE quality standards***

NICE quality standards are a concise set of prioritised statements designed to drive measurable quality improvements within a particular area of health or care.

The standards are derived from high-quality guidance, such as that from NICE or [accredited](#) by NICE. They are developed independently by NICE, in collaboration with health, public health and social care practitioners, their partners and service users. Information on priority areas, people's experience of using services, safety issues, equality and cost impact are considered during the development process.

NICE quality standards are central to supporting the government's vision for a health and social care system that is focused on delivering the best possible outcomes for people who use services, as detailed in the [Health and Social Care Act \(2012\)](#).

The quality standard development process is described in detail on the [NICE website](#).

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## **2.2      *This topic overview***

This topic overview describes core elements of the quality standard. These include the population and topic to be covered, key source guidance to be used to underpin potential quality statements, any related quality standards, published current practice information and national or routine indicators and performance measures.

If the source guidance is not NICE guidance, it should meet the minimum quality criteria defined in NICE's [accreditation programme](#).

## **3            *This quality standard***

This quality standard is expected to publish in June 2018.

### **3.1        *Population and topic to be covered***

This quality standard will cover medicines support for people who are receiving social care in the community.

### **3.2        *Key development sources (NICE and NICE-accredited sources)***

#### **Primary source**

- [Managing medicines for adults receiving social care in the community](#) (2017) NICE guideline NG67.

#### **Other sources that may be used**

- [Medicines optimisation: the safe and effective use of medicines to enable the best possible outcomes](#) (2015) NICE guideline 5

#### **Key policy documents, reports and national audits**

Relevant policy documents, reports and national audits will be used to inform the development of the quality standard.

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- Care Quality Commission (2017) [The safer management of controlled drugs annual update 2016](#)
- Housing LIN (2016) [Medication in extra care housing](#) Factsheet 23
- Royal Pharmaceutical Society (2013) [Medicines Optimisation: Helping patients to make the most of medicines](#)

### **3.3      *Related NICE quality standards***

In March 2012, the Department of Health referred a library of quality standard topics for the NHS to NICE for development.

This quality standard will be developed in the context of all topics in the NICE [library of quality standards](#). Managing medicines for people receiving social care in the community is relevant to a wide range of conditions and diseases and a range of equality groups and general health and wellbeing.

#### **Published**

- [Transition between inpatient hospital settings and community or care home settings for adults with social care needs](#) (2016) NICE quality standard 136.
- [Social care for older people with multiple long-term conditions](#) (2016) NICE quality standard 132.
- [Home care for older people](#) (2016) NICE quality standard 123.
- [Medicines optimisation](#) (2016) NICE quality standard 120.
- [Medicines management in care homes](#) (2015) NICE quality standard 85.

#### **Future quality standards**

This quality standard will be developed in the context of all quality standards referred to NICE, including the following quality standards scheduled for future development:

- Long-term conditions, people with comorbidities, complex needs

The full list of quality standard topics referred to NICE is available from the [quality standard topic library](#) on the NICE website.

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## 4 Further information

See the NICE website for more information about [NICE quality standards](#) and the [progress of this quality standard](#).