

O QUE É O NICE, INSTITUTO LIGADO AO SISTEMA DE SAÚDE PÚBLICA DA GRÃ-BRETANHA (NHS – National Health System)

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The National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) provides national guidance and advice to improve health and social care.

NICE was originally set up in 1999 as the National Institute for Clinical Excellence, a special health authority, to reduce variation in the availability and quality of NHS treatments and care.

In 2005, after merging with the Health Development Agency, we began developing public health guidance to help prevent ill health and promote healthier lifestyles. Our name changed to the National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence.

In April 2013 we were established in primary legislation, becoming a Non Departmental Public Body (NDPB) and placing us on a solid statutory footing as set out in the Health and Social Care Act 2012. At this time we took on responsibility for developing guidance and quality standards in social care, and our name changed once more to reflect these new responsibilities.

As an NDPB, we are accountable to our sponsor department, the Department of Health, but operationally we are independent of government. Our guidance and other recommendations are made by independent committees. The NICE Board sets our strategic priorities and policies, but the day to day decision-making is the responsibility of our Senior Management Team (SMT).

The way NICE was established in legislation means that our guidance is officially England-only. However, we have agreements to provide certain NICE products and services to Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. Decisions on how our guidance applies in these countries are made by the devolved administrations, who are often involved and consulted with in the development of NICE guidance. [Read more about our guidance](#)

Our [offices are in London and Manchester](#).

ESTRUTURA DO NICE

Centre for Clinical Practice (CCP)

CCP develops guidance, in the form of [clinical guidelines](#), on the appropriate treatment and care of people with specific diseases or conditions for people working in the NHS. It also contains the NICE [Medicines and Prescribing Centre](#), which continues the work of the National Prescribing Centre which joined NICE in 2011. The directorate is also responsible for distributing the [British National Formulary](#) (BNF) medicines guide to the NHS.

Centre for Public Health (CPH)

CPH develops guidance on the prevention of ill health. Its guidance is aimed at those working in the NHS, local authorities, the wider public, and private and voluntary sectors. NICE's [public health guidance](#) focuses on a particular topic (such as smoking), population (such as children), or setting (such as the workplace). CPHE is also responsible for producing [Public Health Briefings for Local Government](#), providing advice on the public health actions that are most effective and provide best value for money.

Centre for Health Technology Evaluation (CHTE)

CHTE develops guidance, including [technology appraisals](#), on the use of new and existing treatments and procedures within the NHS, such as medicines, [medical devices](#), [diagnostic techniques](#) and surgical and other [interventional procedures](#). It is also responsible for the [Patient Access Scheme Liaison Unit](#) and the [Scientific Advice Programme](#), as well as hosting the NICE Topic Selection Programme. The directorate also includes the [Research and Development](#) team, which helps to improve the methods that NICE uses to develop guidance and encourages partners to commission research relevant to our work.

Communications Directorate

The communications directorate is responsible for raising awareness of NICE's work among key audiences and external partners, and for protecting and enhancing our reputation by using the most effective channels. The directorate manages the publication and dissemination of NICE guidance, runs the NICE website and handles press and public enquiries.

Health and Social Care Directorate

The directorate includes the Quality Systems team, responsible for producing a range of products to improve quality within the NHS including [quality standards](#), which act as markers of high-quality, cost-effective patient care; the Accreditation Advisory Committee, which assesses the robustness of processes used for health and social care development; the NICE Fellows and Scholars Programme, which recognises the achievement and promise of NHS health professionals, contributes to their professional development, and fosters a growing network of health professionals linked to NICE who will help to improve the quality of care in their local areas; the [Public Involvement Programme](#), which develops and supports opportunities to involve patients, carers and the public in NICE's work; and the NICE implementation team, which develops tools and commissioning guides to help people put our guidance into practice, actively engages with the NHS and works nationally to encourage a supportive environment. Along with the communications directorate, the Health and Social Care directorate looks after [NICE Pathways](#) - an online tool that brings together all NICE guidance and associated products in an easy to access format. The [Health Technologies Adoption Programme \(HTAP\)](#) facilitates the adoption of selected medical and diagnostic technologies across the NHS.

Evidence Resources Directorate

The Evidence Resources directorate manages the [NICE Evidence Services](#) and the [UK PharmaScan](#) database. It also delivers a number of supporting functions to the rest of NICE. NICE Evidence Services are a suite of services that provide internet access to high quality authoritative evidence and best practice. UK PharmaScan is a horizon-scanning database populated by manufacturers with information on new medicines in development. Within Evidence Resources, the Information Management and Technology team supports all NICE digital services, including the NICE website, NICE Evidence Services and developing mobile technology. The Information Resources team provides access to quality information to support guidance development and other NICE programmes, identifying, selecting and appraising new evidence. The Engagement and Management team is responsible for all user research activity conducted by NICE and also commissions and manages contracts for online content available to NHS England through NICE Evidence Search.

Business, Planning and Resources Directorate

This directorate manages business planning, finance, human resources, corporate governance, IT services, and estates and facilities for NICE.