



Audit tool for achieving age equality in health and social care

B1.4: Planned care

B1.4.1: Orthopaedic surgery, focusing on hip and knee replacement

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Retrospective case audits and local studies indicate lower than expected referral rates from primary care and assessment rates in secondary care for orthopaedic surgery especially hip and knee replacements for people over 65 and over 75 compared to people under 65. No analysis has been undertaken of these differences.

AMBER

Retrospective case audits and local studies reveal differences in referral rates for orthopaedic surgery by age, especially for hip and knee replacements and analysis of these differences has been carried out. Where unjustifiable differences have been found, plans are in place for addressing these.

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Analysis of age-based differences in referral rates and access to orthopaedic surgery has been undertaken and action taken to end unjustifiable differences.

B1.4.2: Ophthalmology, focusing on cataract surgery

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The directly standardised hospital admission rate for cataract surgery for people over 65 and over 75 is low compared to people aged 18-64 (by PCT).

AMBER

Steps are being taken to address low admission rates for cataract surgery for people over 65 and over 75, but progress is variable and action to improve access for people likely to experience multiple discrimination is limited.

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The admission rate for cataract surgery is proportionately equal across all age groups and actions are being taken to increase access for people at risk of multiple discrimination.

B1.4.3: In vitro fertilisation (IVF)

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Local policy on funding for IVF treatment differs from NICE guidelines on fertility and the rationale for this difference is unclear.

AMBER

Local policy on access criteria for NHS IVF treatment differs from NICE guidelines but there is a clear evidence base to support these arrangements.

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The PCT has a policy on accessing IVF that is consistent with the NICE guidelines on fertility (offer three cycles of stimulates IVF to couples, where the woman is between 23 and 39, who have an identified cause of infertility or have unexplained infertility of at least three years.