

## NICE Guidance at [www.nice.org.uk](http://www.nice.org.uk) (National Institute for Health and Care Excellence)

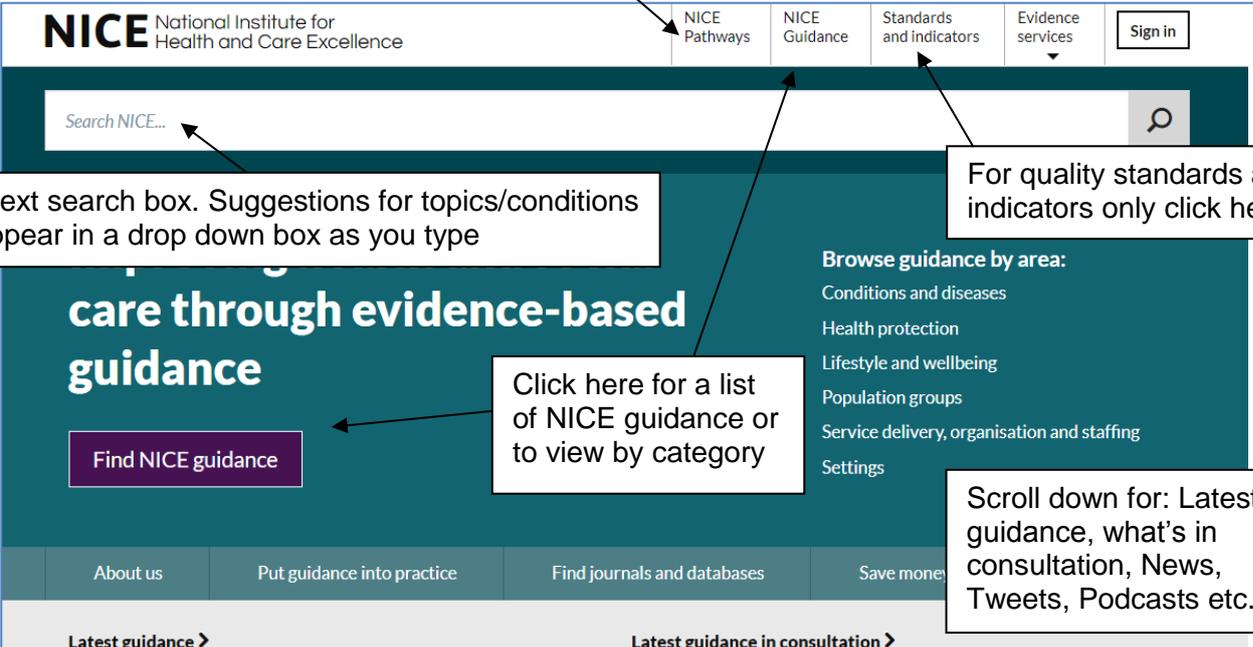
NICE is an independent organisation responsible for providing national guidance, standards and advice on good quality health and social care including preventing and treating ill health and commissioning services. Their remit covers England only but may be taken on by Scotland, Wales and/or Ireland.

### Types of NICE guidance, standards and advice include:

- **Clinical guidelines** - recommendations on the appropriate treatment and care of people with specific diseases and conditions e.g. epilepsy, antenatal care.
- **Public health guidelines** – broader programmes, focusing on a topic, population or setting, & recommendations on activities to promote a healthy lifestyle or to reduce the risk of developing a condition e.g. giving advice to encourage exercise
- **Social care guidelines** – e.g. integration of services, effectiveness and cost effectiveness
- **Medicines practice guidelines** – good practice for commissioning, governing and prescribers of medicines
- **Safe Staffing Guidelines** – 2 produced. From June 2015 NHS England now cover safe staffing
- **Antimicrobial prescribing guidelines** – antibiotic use
- **Technology appraisals** - recommendations on the use of new and existing treatments in the NHS
- **Interventional procedures** - covering the safety of the procedure, whether it works well enough for routine use, whether special arrangements are needed for patient consent e.g. laser eye treatments
- **Medical technologies** – evaluations of medical devices and diagnostics
- **Diagnostics guidance** – covering diagnosis and diagnostic tests
- **Quality standards** – developed to give measurable standards for improving quality
- **Quality Outcome frameworks and indicators** - for Primary care and Commissioning Groups

### Finding guidance

From the homepage ([www.nice.org.uk](http://www.nice.org.uk)) click on 'guidance' at the top of the page or click on the 'Find guidance' button further down to view topic lists. Alternatively you can search for a specific topic using the search box at the top left of the page.



NICE pathways: incorporate NICE guidance. Topic based flow chart format for treating patients

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Search NICE...

Free text search box. Suggestions for topics/conditions will appear in a drop down box as you type

For quality standards and indicators only click here

care through evidence-based guidance

Find NICE guidance

Click here for a list of NICE guidance or to view by category

Browse guidance by area:  
Conditions and diseases  
Health protection  
Lifestyle and wellbeing  
Population groups  
Service delivery, organisation and staffing  
Settings

Scroll down for: Latest guidance, what's in consultation, News, Tweets, Podcasts etc.

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## Guidance by category

Click a broad category heading to see a list of narrower subjects which you can choose from to view all guidance/advice/appraisals etc. related to that topic.

The screenshot shows the NICE website's 'Find guidance' page. At the top, there is a search bar with the text 'Search NICE...'. Below the search bar, the page is titled 'Find guidance' and asks the user to 'Choose a category to find guidance in your area:'. There are six category buttons: 'Conditions and diseases', 'Health protection', 'Lifestyle and wellbeing', 'Population groups', 'Service delivery, organisation and staffing', and 'Settings'. Below these buttons, there are two main sections: 'NICE guidance' and 'NICE advice'. The 'NICE guidance' section lists various types of guidance, including 'All NICE guidelines', 'Clinical guidelines', 'Public health guidelines', 'Social care guidelines', 'Safe staffing guidelines', 'Antimicrobial prescribing guidelines', 'Medicines practice guidelines', 'Cancer service guidelines', 'Quality standards', 'Technology appraisal guidance', 'Interventional procedures guidance', 'Medical technologies guidance', 'Diagnostics guidance', and 'Highly specialised technologies guidance'. The 'NICE advice' section lists 'Evidence summaries', 'Medtech innovation briefings', 'Antimicrobial prescribing', and 'Key therapeutic topics'. Three callout boxes are present: one pointing to the 'Conditions and diseases' button with the text 'Click here if you want to browse all NICE guidelines'; one pointing to the 'All NICE guidelines' link with the text 'Click a category to browse all guidance for a particular topic'; and one pointing to the 'Quality standards' link with the text 'Click headings here if you want to browse the different types of guidance'.

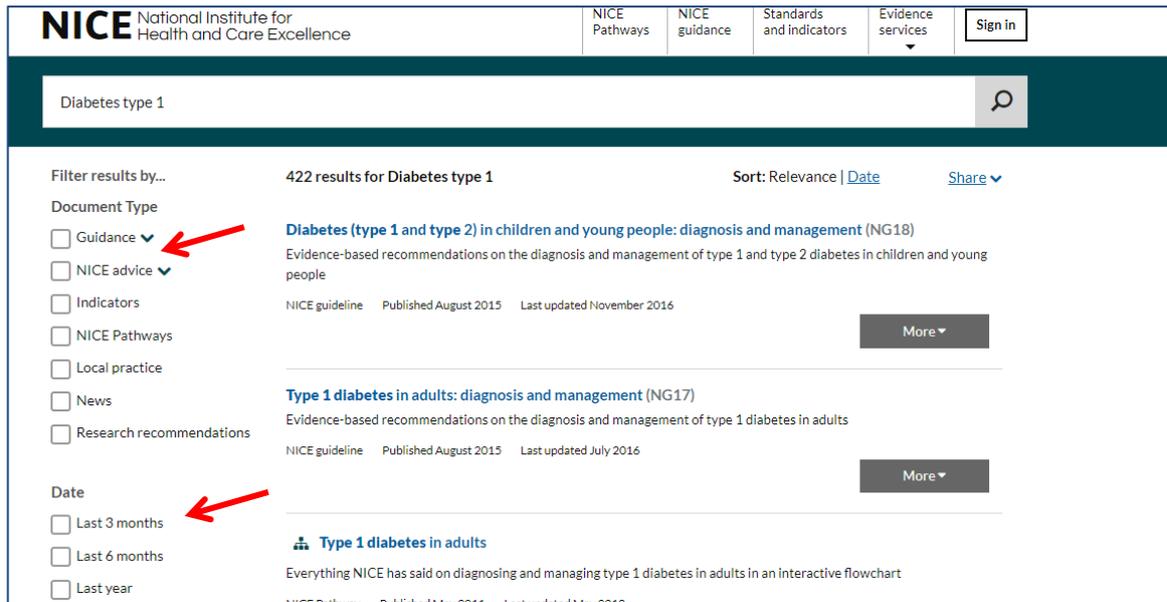
Scroll down the page to see links to NICE advice (assessments of evidence) and case studies on improving quality (NICE Collections).

If you click on a category to browse by topic you will find all of the NICE publications on that topic not just guidelines e.g. NICE Pathways, Technology Appraisals, Quality Standards etc.

## Searching for guidance

Type your topic into the search box, you will see a list of suggestions which you can choose from or continue typing. Then click on the grey search box to bring up a list of results which will include all types of guidance and advice published by NICE on the topic chosen. You can filter these results, e.g. by document type and/or publication date by selecting from the menu on the left of the page.

The screenshot shows the NICE website's search function. The search bar contains the text 'diab'. Below the search bar, a dropdown menu lists suggestions: 'Diabetes', 'Diabetes in pregnancy', 'Diabetes type 1', 'Diabetes type 2', and 'Diabetic foot'. A red arrow points to the search icon in the search bar. Below the search bar, there are three category buttons: 'Population groups', 'Service delivery, organisation and staffing', and 'Settings'.



## Viewing guidance

When you find the guidance you require, the menu on the left hand side gives you options for viewing (N.B. different options available for different guidance). Published and updated dates are at the top, underneath are links to Tools and Resources, Information for the Public, Evidence and History.

To print/save a PDF copy of the guidance click on 'Download' then 'Save as PDF', in some internet browsers it will open up in a new window. You can print or save from the options in the PDF document.

## Example of a NICE guideline:

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