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Implementing NICE guidance

- The **National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE)** was established to provide national guidance on the promotion of good health and the prevention of ill health. NICE guidance is integral to a standards-based healthcare system.
- NICE issues four types of guidance: **technology appraisals, clinical guidelines, public health guidance** and **interventional procedures**.
- Implementation of NICE guidance helps to ensure consistent improvements in people's health and equal access to healthcare; however, there are many known challenges to implementing NICE guidance.
- **Key elements to successful implementation** are: **board support** and **clear leadership**, provision of a **dedicated resource** (a **NICE manager**), support from a **multidisciplinary team**, a **systematic approach to financial planning and implementing guidance**, and a process to **evaluate uptake and feedback**.
- NICE has set up a programme to help support implementation of its guidance and many practical resources are now available on its website.
- **General implementation tools** include a guide to help organisations implement its guidance, advice on how to change practice and how to overcome barriers, as well as a 'forward planner'.
- **Guidance-specific implementation tools** include slide sets, audit support tools, costing tools, implementation advice and commissioning guides.
- Other useful resources available on the NICE website are the '**shared learning**' **database** with examples of local implementation projects and the '**evaluation and review of NICE implementation and evidence**' (**ERNIE**) **database**.

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