

## Indoor air quality at home

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	<p><b>Please read the checklist for submitting comments at the end of this form.</b> We cannot accept forms that are not filled in correctly.</p> <p>We would like to hear your views on the draft recommendations presented in the guideline, and any comments you may have on the rationale and impact sections in the guideline and the evidence presented in the evidence reviews documents. We would also welcome views on the Equality Impact Assessment.</p> <p>In addition to your comments below on our guideline documents, we would like to hear your views on these questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Which areas will have the biggest impact on practice and be challenging to implement? Please say for whom and why.</li><li>2. Would implementation of any of the draft recommendations have significant cost implications?</li><li>3. What would help users overcome any challenges? (For example, existing practical resources or national initiatives, or examples of good practice.)</li></ol> <p>See section 3.9 of <a href="#">Developing NICE guidance: how to get involved</a> for suggestions of general points to think about when commenting.</p>
<b>Organisation name – Stakeholder or respondent</b> (if you are responding as an individual rather than a registered stakeholder please leave blank):	Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow
<b>Disclosure</b> Please disclose any past or current, direct or indirect links to, or funding from, the tobacco industry.	None
<b>Name of commentator person completing form:</b>	Dr Richard Hull, Honorary Secretary in consultation with experts in the field.

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Example 1	Guideline	16	45	We are concerned that this recommendation may imply that .....
Example 2	Guideline	17	23	Question 1: This recommendation will be a challenging change in practice because .....
Example 3	Guideline	23	5	Question 3: Our trust has had experience of implementing this approach and would be willing to submit its experiences to the NICE shared learning database. Contact.....
Example 4	Guideline	37	16	This rationale states that...
Example 5	Evidence review C	57	32	There is evidence that ...
Example 6	Methods	34	10	The inclusion criteria ...
Example 7	Algorithm	General	General	The algorithm seems to imply that ...
1	Guideline	General	General	<p>The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow although based in Glasgow represents Fellows and Members throughout the United Kingdom. While NICE has a remit for England, many of the recommendations are applicable to all devolved nations including Scotland. They should be considered by the relevant Ministers of the devolved governments.</p> <p>The College welcomes this Guideline covering indoor air quality in residential buildings. It explains how to reduce indoor air pollution. Strategies include controlling indoor pollution sources, ensuring good ventilation and achieving effective property maintenance. It also includes raising awareness of the importance of good air quality in people's homes and how to achieve this.</p>

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				<p>The guideline is aimed at a broad range of practitioners and agencies, reflecting the complex nature of improving indoor air quality. Two key groups are healthcare and public health professionals.</p> <p>The legislative and regulatory issues differ throughout the legal jurisdictions of the United Kingdom and this should be taken into account.</p> <p>Indoor air quality is an increasing and important aspect of air pollution which perhaps has not had the attention it should have had historically. The evidence base for this guideline varies but the recommendations are consistent with the evidence.</p> <p>The impact of health inequalities on indoor air quality should not be underestimated and should be emphasised more in the guideline.</p>
2	Guideline	4	L2 Recommendations Box1	<p>The College considers these groupings are too restrictive. We recommend including the following</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. People living in poverty who have no/less choice in moving accommodation or to modify it.</li> <li>2. People who have increased risk of infection</li> <li>3. People who are on immunosuppressive drugs for various diseases eg connective tissue diseases and rheumatoid arthritis</li> <li>4. People who have malignancy whether they are on chemotherapy or not.</li> <li>5. People with longstanding chronic disease which may mean they are prone to infection because of poor respiratory reserve, eg multiple sclerosis and other chronic neurological disease</li> </ol>
3	Guideline	5	L9 Para 1.1.3	It is useful to note the importance for a broad and balanced approach to ventilation, insulation and heating.
4	Guideline	7	L1Para 1.3.2	This requires enhanced Cooperation between Health and Social services. It gives a stronger case for integration. Health and social care partnerships in Scotland and Northern Ireland could use these opportunities for their staff to assess accommodation and advise people accordingly.
5	Guideline	7	L15 Para 1.4.	The advice for the general population by local authorities is evidence-based and feasible.
6	Guideline	8	L16 Para 1.4.5	It is noted that the housing legislation will differ in various legal jurisdictions. There is a case for uniformity of regulation across the UK .
7	Guideline	9	L7 Para 1.5	The advice to be given by health professionals seems appropriate. There is a case to make this a statutory task for the health professional. The advice needs to be extended to a wide group of people with diseases

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				which put them at risk as in comment 2.
8	Guideline	11	L8 Para 1.7	The importance of involving architects and designers in preventing poor ventilation in housing cannot be emphasised enough.
9	Guideline	12	L9 Paras 1.8 and 1.9	We note and welcome the importance of these recommendations for builders, contractors and developers.
10	Guideline	15	L7	It would also be important to evaluate the use of housing assessments by local authorities to ensure a consistent approach nationally.
11	Gudeline	22	L1	There is a need for wider knowledge particularly in the public arena of the causes and consequences of poor quality

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