

# National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence

## Centre for Public Health Excellence (CPHE)

### Consultation on NICE's proposals for changes to the process and methods for public health guidance development

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**Table A. Comments on the proposals in the consultation document:**

<b>Proposal number</b>	<b>Comments</b>
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1.2	It is important that, particularly with the establishment of the Pharmacy and Public Health Forum, that pharmacy representation is included in the invitees for the Topic Advisory Workshops. Pharmacists in both primary and secondary care play a valuable role in public health and community pharmacies are frequently accessed by people who do not visit their GP or other healthcare providers.
2.1	We support the proposal to no longer hold stakeholder meetings during the scope consultation period. For many healthcare professionals, including pharmacists, attendance at face to face meetings is incompatible with their roles and responsibilities. Ensuring that all interested and affected parties can submit written comments will ensure an active and well informed dialogue which is equitable across sectors and professions.

2.2	We do not support the proposal to reduce the draft guidance consultation period from 8 weeks to 6 weeks. We engage with our many specialist and expert members and partnership groups in order to provide an accurate, informed and evidence based response to NICE consultations. Our members have existing roles and responsibilities and a 6 weeks consultation period will make it difficult for them to have sufficient time to contribute a response.
7.1	It is important that when considering the health and non health benefits of public health interventions across different sectors that the contribution of the pharmacy profession, including community pharmacy, is considered.

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**Table B. Comments on any other aspect of the current manuals (published 2009). Please refer to the process guide or methods manual and the relevant section and page number:**

Process guide (P) or Methods manual (M)	Chapter/ Appendix and Section/ table/ box	Page number	Comments
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