

Recommendations

The National Diabetes Data Working Group's Diabetes Indicators Review Subcommittee, under the direction of the National Diabetes Strategies Group (NDSG), has developed a national set of 33 diabetes indicators. Of these indicators, 11 have been selected as the highest priority and endorsed by the NDSG.

The main purpose of this report is to describe the process undertaken by the Subcommittee in developing and setting priorities for the full set of indicators (that is, the 33 indicators), and to provide operational definitions for the recommended set of 11 indicators.

As indicated throughout this report, data are not currently available to measure all of these indicators and, where data are available, not all data sources are complete. Possible data sources will need to be identified and evaluated for many of these indicators and some will require further data development. However, decisions and details about the development and implementation of a data development plan, and the reporting of the indicators, are yet to be determined and are outside of the scope of this report.

Following its deliberations, the National Diabetes Data Working Group's Diabetes Indicators Review Subcommittee recommends that:

- The recommended set of 11 indicators should be considered along with other indicators when an agreed prioritised set of national policy relevant indicators for chronic diseases and associated determinants are developed. In particular, the NDDWG indicators should be mapped to the NHPF and other indicator sets and commonalities identified.
- A data development plan should be developed and implemented.
- The priority is for these indicators to be reported at a national level. Where national data are currently available for any of the priority indicators, these indicators should be reported on by the National Monitoring Centre for Diabetes.
- If diabetes indicators are also reported at other levels, the use of these indicators is encouraged to promote consistency in health information across the country.