

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CLINICAL EXCELLENCE

MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIES EVALUATION PROGRAMME

Equality impact assessment – Topic selection and scoping

E-vita open plus

The impact on equality has been assessed during this evaluation according to the principles of the NICE Equality scheme.

1. Have any potential equality issues been identified during the development of the briefing note or during the Committee meeting, and, if so, what are they?

The Committee noted that people with connective tissue disorders, in particular Marfan's syndrome and Ehlers-Danlos syndrome, may be at increased risk of developing a thoracic aortic aneurysm or dissection.

No other potential equalities issues were raised at the meeting.

2. What is the preliminary view as to what extent these potential equality issues need addressing by the Committee?

The Committee need to be advised of the usefulness of this technology in people with Marfan's syndrome and Ehlers-Danlos syndrome, who may require surgical treatment for a thoracic aortic aneurysm or dissection at a younger age. Consideration may also need to be given to differences in the care pathway for this group of people.

3. Does the scope need to highlight any potential equality issues? If so, how?

The scope has highlighted as a special consideration that people with Marfan's syndrome and Ehlers-Danlos syndrome are at an increased risk of

developing a thoracic aortic aneurysm or dissection, and may require surgical intervention at a younger age.

Approved by Associate Director (name): MARK CAMPBELL

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