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EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

NICE guidelines

Cannabis-based products for medicinal use

The impact on equality has been assessed during guidance development according to the principles of the NICE equality policy.

1.0 Checking for updates and scope: before scope consultation (to be completed by the Developer and submitted with the draft scope for consultation)

1.1 Have any potential equality issues been identified during the check for an update or during development of the draft scope, and, if so, what are they?

During development of the draft scope the following groups were identified with potential equality issues that need to be considered:

- Age: children young people and babies may need specific consideration when considering the effectiveness, safety and potential harms, decision making and prescribing requirements for cannabis-based medicinal products.
- Disability: people with physical disability, learning disability and / or mental health problems may need specific consideration when considering the effectiveness, safety and potential harms, decision making and prescribing requirements for cannabis-based medicinal products.
- Pregnancy and maternity: pregnant women and women who are breastfeeding may need specific consideration when considering the effectiveness, safety and potential harms, decision making and prescribing requirements for cannabis-based medicinal products.
- Religion or belief: some people may due to their religion or belief be concerned about taking cannabis-based products, due to a concern regarding effects on the brain.

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1.2 What is the preliminary view on the extent to which these potential equality issues need addressing by the Committee? For example, if population groups, treatments or settings are excluded from the scope, are these exclusions justified – that is, are the reasons legitimate and the exclusion proportionate?

Age, disability, pregnancy and maternity: specific recommendations may need to be made for children, young people and babies, people with physical disabilities, learning disabilities and/or mental health problems, and pregnant and breastfeeding women

Religion and belief: specific recommendations to support people who have concerns about taking cannabis-based products due to their religion or belief may need to be made to address this.

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