

**NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE
EXCELLENCE**

DIAGNOSTICS ASSESSMENT PROGRAMME

Equality impact assessment – Guidance development

PIGF-based testing to help diagnose suspected pre-eclampsia

Consultation

1. Have the potential equality issues identified during the scoping process been addressed by the Committee, and, if so, how?

Pregnancy and maternity are protected characteristics in the Equality Act (2010). Pregnant women who have pre-existing conditions such as autoimmune disease, chronic kidney disease or diabetes may be at higher risk of developing pre-eclampsia. Women of African-Caribbean origin may be at higher risk of severe adverse pregnancy outcomes.

During scoping it was identified that levels of PIGF may differ according to ethnicity and maternal weight. The External Assessment Group did not identify any evidence of differential outcomes in these subgroups.

2. Have any other potential equality issues been raised in the diagnostics assessment report, and, if so, how has the Committee addressed these?

No additional potential equality issues were raised during the assessment.

3. Have any other potential equality issues been identified by the Committee, and, if so, how has the Committee addressed these?

Transgender men can also become pregnant.

4. Do the preliminary recommendations make it more difficult in practice

for a specific group to access the technology compared with other groups? If so, what are the barriers to, or difficulties with, access for the specific group?

No

5. Is there potential for the preliminary recommendations to have an adverse impact on people with disabilities because of something that is a consequence of the disability?

No

6. Are there any recommendations or explanations that the Committee could make to remove or alleviate barriers to, or difficulties with, access identified in questions 4 or 5, or otherwise fulfil NICE's obligations to promote equality?

No

7. Have the Committee's considerations of equality issues been described in the diagnostics consultation document, and, if so, where?

No potential equality issues were identified.

Approved by Associate Director (name): Carla Deakin

Date: 20 October 2015

Diagnostics guidance document

1. Have any additional potential equality issues been raised during the consultation, and, if so, how has the Committee addressed these?

No potential equality issues were raised during consultation.

2. If the recommendations have changed after consultation, are there any recommendations that make it more difficult in practice for a specific group to access the technology compared with other groups? If so, what are the barriers to, or difficulties with, access for the specific group?

No

3. If the recommendations have changed after consultation, is there potential for the preliminary recommendations to have an adverse impact on people with disabilities because of something that is a consequence of the disability?

No

4. If the recommendations have changed after consultation, are there any recommendations or explanations that the Committee could make to remove or alleviate barriers to, or difficulties with, access identified in questions 2 and 3, or otherwise fulfil NICE's obligations to promote equality?

No

5. Have the Committee's considerations of equality issues been described in the diagnostics guidance document, and, if so, where?

No potential equality issues were identified.

Approved by Programme Director (name): Mirella Marlow

Date: 23 February 2016