

**NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE
EXCELLENCE**

DIAGNOSTICS ASSESSMENT PROGRAMME

Equality impact assessment – Guidance development

**ImmunoCAP ISAC 112 and Microtest for multiplex
allergen testing**

Consultation

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

There is wide variation in access to allergy specialists and allergy care, including challenge testing, across the UK. This guidance is focussed on the use of multiplex allergen testing technologies in the NHS and therefore, variation in access to allergy services does not pose an equality issue that can be addressed by this guidance and does not require further consideration by the committee. Further, the technologies are recommended for use in research only, therefore the recommendations do not have a differential impact on those with protected characteristics and others.

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?

No additional potential equality issues were raised by the Committee.

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 relevant equality issues were identified.

Approved by Associate Director: Carla Deakin

Date: 23 December 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 additional 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?

The recommendations did not change after consultation.

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?

The recommendations did not change after consultation.

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?

The recommendations did not change after consultation.

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

No relevant equality issues were identified.

Approved by Centre or Programme Director (name): Mirella Marlow

Date: 4 March 2016