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DIAGNOSTICS ASSESSMENT PROGRAMME

Equality impact assessment – Scoping

Virtual chromoendoscopy for real-time assessment of colorectal polyps during colonoscopy

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

1. Have any potential equality issues been identified during the scoping process (scoping workshop discussion, assessment subgroup discussion), and, if so, what are they?

During scoping it was noted that all people with cancer are covered under the disability provision of the Equality Act (2010) from the point of diagnosis, and that colorectal cancer is more common in older men and women.

It was suggested that people need to have enough intellectual understanding to appreciate the risks of optical diagnosis and give consent for the procedure.

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

The specialist committee members were uncertain whether the process of consent would need to be changed to incorporate optical diagnoses of colorectal polyps. The committee, including patient experts, should discuss this further when making recommendations on virtual chromoendoscopy for real-time assessment of colorectal polyps.

3. Has any change to the draft scope been agreed to highlight potential equality issues?

No

4. Have any additional stakeholders related to potential equality issues been identified during the scoping process, and, if so, have changes to the stakeholder list been made?

No

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