

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE EXCELLENCE

DIAGNOSTICS ASSESSMENT PROGRAMME

Equality impact assessment – Guidance development

Quantitative faecal immunochemical tests to guide referral for colorectal cancer in primary care

Consultation

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

During scoping it was identified that faecal haemoglobin levels may vary according to age and sex. These characteristics were included in the final scope as subgroups, but insufficient data were found in the clinical effectiveness review to determine whether different thresholds are required for women and older people. The committee considered that further research is required to determine whether alternative thresholds should be used to determine positive results in women and older people.

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

No other potential equality issues were raised in the diagnostics assessment report.

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

No other 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?

The committee's considerations of the equality issues are described in sections 5.8 and 6.1 of the diagnostics consultation document.

Approved by Associate Director (name): ...Carla Deakin..

Date: 8 November 2016

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 the 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?

The committee's considerations of the equality issues are described in sections 5.8 and 6.2 of the diagnostics guidance.

Approved by Programme Director (name): Mirella Marlow

Date: 12 April 2017