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HEALTH TECHNOLOGY APPRAISAL PROGRAMME

Equality impact assessment – Guidance development

**STA 12 SQ-HDM SLIT for treating allergic rhinitis and
allergic asthma caused by house dust mites(review of
TA834)**

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

Consultation

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| 1. Have the potential equality issues identified during the scoping process been addressed by the committee, and, if so, how? |
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No potential equality issues were raised during scoping.
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| 2. Have any other potential equality issues been raised in the submissions, expert statements or academic report, and, if so, how has the committee addressed these? |
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The committee noted potential equality issues in access to treatment from language barriers, older age, disability and pregnancy. The committee recognised these are protected characteristics. But because its recommendation does not restrict access to treatment for some people over others, the committee agreed these were not potential equalities issues.
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| 3. Have any other potential equality issues been identified by the committee, and, if so, how has the committee addressed these? |
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No other potential equality issues have been identified.
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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. The preliminary recommendations do not make it more difficult for a specific group to access the technology compared with other groups.

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?

Not applicable.

7. Have the committee’s considerations of equality issues been described in the draft guidance, and, if so, where?

Yes. Equality issues have been discussed in section 3.15 of the draft guidance document

Approved by Associate Director (name): ...Richard Diaz.....

Date: 6/6/24