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HEALTH TECHNOLOGY APPRAISAL PROGRAMME

Equality impact assessment – Guidance development

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**Pembrolizumab for neoadjuvant and adjuvant treatment of
resectable locally advanced head and neck squamous cell
carcinoma**

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

Final draft guidance

(when no draft guidance was issued)

1. Have the potential equality issues identified during the scoping process been addressed by the committee, and, if so, how?
No equality issues were identified at scoping.

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?
Not applicable

3. Have any other potential equality issues been identified by the committee, and, if so, how has the committee addressed these?
Not applicable

4. Do the 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 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 Have the committee's considerations of equality issues been described in the final draft guidance, and, if so, where?

Not applicable

Approved by Associate Director (name): Ross Dent

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