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Health Technology Evaluation

Equality impact assessment – Scoping

12 SQ-HDM SLIT for treating allergic rhinitis caused by house dust mites in children 5 to 11 years [ID6510]

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

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

Yes. The company suggest that children from lower socioeconomic backgrounds are disproportionately affected by HDM-induced allergic rhinitis. This is due to poor housing conditions, and financial barriers to reducing allergen exposure and attending specialist appointments, such as caregivers being less able to take time off work to travel to appointments in secondary care.

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

It is unlikely that this issue can be addressed directly by the committee in its evaluation of the technology. However, the committee will consider if its recommendations may disproportionately impact people from lower socioeconomic backgrounds and suggest amendments to avoid this if necessary.

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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