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DIAGNOSTICS ASSESSMENT PROGRAMME

Equality impact assessment – Guidance development

Adjunctive colposcopy technologies for assessing suspected cervical abnormalities (update of DG4)

Consultation

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

None of the potential equality issues raised during scoping needed to be addressed by the committee. The issues raised applied to both the adjunctive technologies and conventional colposcopy.

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?

The committee noted that a colposcopy is an intimate examination and therefore healthcare professionals should provide information that reflects any religious, ethnic or cultural needs and takes into account learning disabilities, or difficulties in communication or reading. This applies to both the adjunctive technologies and conventional colposcopy.

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?

No relevant potential equality issues were identified.

Approved by Associate Director (name): Mark Campbell

Date: 18 October 2017

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 other potential equality issues were raised during 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 were changed after the first consultation. The updated recommendations will not make it more difficult in practice for a specific group to access the technology.

The recommendations did not change after the second 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 were changed after the first consultation. No potential adverse impact of the updated recommendations on people with disabilities has been identified.

The recommendations did not change after the second 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 were changed after the first consultation. The updated recommendations will not make it more difficult in practice for a specific group to access the technology compared with other groups.

The recommendations did not change after the second consultation.

5. Have the Committee's considerations of equality issues been described in the diagnostics guidance document, and, if so, where?

No relevant potential equality issues were identified.

Approved by Associate Director (name): Mark Campbell

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