

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE EXCELLENCE

Medical technologies evaluation programme

Equality impact assessment: Topic selection and scoping

MT318 The Neuropad test for the early detection of diabetic peripheral neuropathy

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 development of the topic briefing note or during the committee meeting, and, if so, what are they?

No equality issues were identified. The following equality considerations were highlighted at briefing note stage and the selection committee meeting:

- The Neuropad test may be easier to use for people with communication difficulties, as it is an objective test that does not require assessment of subjective patient responses, unlike the vibration tests. This may allow for improved detection of diabetic neuropathy in children, people with mental health disabilities or people who have problems communicating.
- People with visual impairment may need help to administer the Neuropad, so self-testing at home may not be possible in this subgroup.

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

No action required.

3. Does the scope need to highlight any potential equality issues? If so, how?

The issues identified in section 1 have been included in the special considerations section of the decision problem and people with communication difficulties and cognitive impairment have been included as a potential subgroup to be considered.

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?

N/A

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