The impact on equality has been assessed during guidance development according to the principles of the NICE equality policy.

1.0 Checking for updates and scope: before scope consultation (to be completed by the Developer and submitted with the draft scope for consultation)

1.1 Have any potential equality issues been identified during the check for an update or during development of the draft scope, and, if so, what are they?

(Please specify if the issue has been highlighted by a stakeholder)

During scoping, ethnicity and age were identified as equality issues which needed specific attention. This is because there is a higher incidence of prostate cancer and prostate cancer–related mortality in men of African family origin compared to men of other ethnic groups. With regards to age, incidence of prostate cancer and mortality from prostate cancer increases with increasing age.

Difficulty speaking or reading English was also identified as an equality issue.

1.2 What is the preliminary view on the extent to which these potential equality issues need addressing by the Committee? For example, if population groups, treatments or settings are excluded from the scope, are these exclusions justified – that is, are the reasons legitimate and the exclusion proportionate?

Positive outcomes are known to be more difficult to achieve in these population groups, and therefore specific recommendation in these groups may need to be made to address this. There are no exclusions listed in the guideline.
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