

**3.0 Guideline development: before consultation (to be completed by the developer before draft guideline consultation)**

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

**We took into consideration all the equality issues identified during the scoping process especially looking separately for women with premature ovarian insufficiency, women who had hysterectomy and women with or at risk of breast cancer. We included recommendations on provision of different areas of information and highlighted the benefits and risks for treatment options for menopausal symptoms in these groups of women.**

3.2 Have any **other** potential equality issues (in addition to those identified during the scoping process) been identified, and, if so, how has the Committee addressed them?

**No**

3.3 Were the Committee's considerations of equality issues described in the consultation document, and, if so, where?

**Yes, we covered these issues in the review protocols and the description of linking evidence to recommendations.**

3.4 Do the preliminary recommendations make it more difficult in practice for a specific group to access services compared with other groups? If so, what are the barriers to, or difficulties with, access for the specific group?

**We do not expect that the preliminary recommendations will create access**

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**difficulties for different groups of menopausal women based on the equality characteristics.**

3.5 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**

3.6 Are there any recommendations or explanations that the Committee could make to remove or alleviate barriers to, or difficulties with, access to services identified in questions 3.1, 3.2 or 3.3, or otherwise fulfil NICE's obligation to advance equality?

**No**