

# NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE EXCELLENCE

## HEALTH TECHNOLOGY APPRAISAL PROGRAMME

### Equality impact assessment – Guidance development

#### STA 12 SQ-HDM SLIT for treating allergic rhinitis and allergic asthma caused by house dust mites (review of TA834)

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

#### Final draft guidance

(when draft guidance issued)

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| 1.   | Have any additional potential equality issues been raised during the consultation, and, if so, how has the committee addressed these?   |
| It has been noted that 12 SQ-HDM SLIT is not routinely available to patients in the UK (at the time of the consultation) and so there is a potential geographic inequality for access to the treatment. But because its recommendation does not restrict access to treatment for some people with protected characteristics over others, the committee agreed this was not a potential equality issue. |   |
| 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? |
| No. The recommendations do not make it more difficult for a specific group to access the technology compared with other groups.  |   |



Technology appraisals: Guidance development

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3.	If the recommendations have changed after consultation, is there potential for the recommendations to have an adverse impact on people with disabilities because of something that is a consequence of the disability?
No.	

  

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?
Not applicable.	

  

5.	Have the committee's considerations of equality issues been described in the final draft guidance, and, if so, where?
Yes. Equality issues have been discussed in section 3.20 of the final draft guidance document.	

**Approved by Associate Director:** Emily Crowe

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