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Proposed Health Technology Appraisal

Continuous positive airways pressure (CPAP) for the treatment of obstructive sleep apnoea/hypopnea syndrome (OSAHS)

Response to consultee and commentator comments on the provisional matrix of consultees and commentators

Version of matrix of consultees and commentators reviewed:				
Provisional matrix of consultees and commentators sent for consultation				
Summary of comments, action taken, and justification of action:				
	Proposal:	Proposal made by:	Action taken: Removed/Added/Not included/Noted	Justification:

1.	The Association for Respiratory Technology & Physiology is the professional body for physiologists and other technologists who perform much of the diagnostic testing for OSA and initiate and monitor CPAP treatment. ARTP should be on the list of Consultees.	Association for Respiratory Technology & Physiology	Noted	This organisation is already listed on the matrix of consultees and commentators under 'Professional Groups'
2.	Another professional group whose members can be heavily involved in CPAP treatment are the Association of Respiratory Nurse Specialists.	Association for Respiratory Technology & Physiology	Noted	This organisation is already listed on the matrix of consultees and commentators under 'Professional Groups'

3.	There is no reason for the Narcolepsy Society to be included.	British Sleep Society	Removed	This organisation does not have an area of interest directly related to this appraisal topic and therefore does not meet the selection criteria to participate in this appraisal. Narcolepsy Association UK has been removed from the matrix of consultees and commentators.
4.	The Royal College of Anaesthetists should be included.	British Sleep Society	Noted	This organisation is already listed on the matrix of consultees and commentators under 'Professional Groups'
5.	The Royal Society of Medicine have a Sleep Medicine Section.	British Sleep Society	Noted	This organisation is already listed on the matrix of consultees and commentators under 'Professional Groups'

6.	Narcolepsy is a totally different disorder that happens to have a similar symptom, there would be no reason to include this society.	British Thoracic Society	Removed	This organisation does not have an area of interest directly related to this appraisal topic and therefore does not meet the selection criteria to participate in this appraisal. Narcolepsy Association UK has been removed from the matrix of consultees and commentators
7.	The RCoA (Royal College of Anaesthetists) would be important to include, OSA is a hazard during both anaesthesia and the post operative period.	British Thoracic Society	Noted	This organisation is already listed on the matrix of consultees and commentators under 'Professional Groups'
8.	Other interested organisations are likely to be ARTP (Association for Respiratory Technology and Physiology)	British Thoracic Society	Noted	This organisation is already listed on the matrix of consultees and commentators under 'Professional Groups'

9.	Other interested organisations are likely to be RSM (Royal Society of Medicine) who have a Sleep Medicine Section.	British Thoracic Society	Noted	This organisation is already listed on the matrix of consultees and commentators under 'Professional Groups'
10.	Wellcome, MRC, BLF, Diabetes UK, and BHF are, or have recently, funded research on OSA and CPAP	British Thoracic Society	Noted	The MRC Clinical Trials Unit is already listed on the matrix of consultees and commentators under 'relevant research groups'. Wellcome, BLF, Diabetes UK, and BHF do not have an area of interest directly related to this appraisal topic and therefore do not meet the selection criteria to participate in this appraisal.

11.	Air Products supply most of the UK with Domiciliary oxygen and provide CPAP in Europe, this company and other European suppliers are not in the ABHI and therefore will not be consulted. May I suggest that such companies are consulted and European systems looked into?	MHRA	Noted	This organisation does not have an area of interest directly related to this appraisal topic and therefore does not meet the selection criteria to participate in this appraisal.
12.	The Narcolepsy Association UK (UKAN) does not deal with OSA.	Royal College of Physicians	Removed	This organisation does not have an area of interest directly related to this appraisal topic and therefore does not meet the selection criteria to participate in this appraisal. Narcolepsy Association UK has been removed from the matrix of consultees and commentators

13.	The sleep medicine section of the Royal Society of Medicine should be included.	Royal College of Physicians	Noted	This organisation is already listed on the matrix of consultees and commentators under 'Professional Groups'
14.	The British Snoring and Sleep Apnea Association is NOT a patient organisation - it is a commercial organisation whose intent is to retail sleep-related products over the internet.	ResMed (UK) Ltd	Noted	As a Not for Profit organisation, The British Snoring and Sleep Apnoea Association does have an area of interest directly related to this appraisal topic and therefore meets the selection criteria to participate in this appraisal.
15.	It is not clear why the Narcolepsy Association is being involved. That is an entirely different condition.	Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh	Removed	This organisation does not have an area of interest directly related to this appraisal topic and therefore does not meet the selection criteria to participate in this appraisal. Narcolepsy Association UK has been removed from the matrix of consultees and commentators

16.	The Royal College of Anaesthetists should also be included.	Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh	Noted	This organisation is already listed on the matrix of consultees and commentators under 'Professional Groups'
17.	The Department for Transport and the Drivers Medical Group, Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency, Swansea are concerned about the problem of sleepy drivers and want to ensure that drivers with OSAHS are promptly diagnosed and treated.	Section of Sleep Medicine, Royal Society of Medicine.	Not Included	This organisation does not have an area of interest directly related to this appraisal topic and therefore does not meet the selection criteria to participate in this appraisal. They will not be included in the matrix of consultees and consultants.

18.	Should unions with an interest in driving such as the Transport and General Workers Union be consulted?	Section of Sleep Medicine, Royal Society of Medicine.	Not Included	This organisation does not have an area of interest directly related to this appraisal topic and therefore does not meet the selection criteria to participate in this appraisal. They will not be included in the matrix of consultees and consultants.
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