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Single Technology Appraisal (STA)

Fingolimod for the treatment of relapsing-remitting multiple sclerosis

Matrix of consultees and commentators

Consultees	Commentators (no right to submit or appeal)
Manufacturers/sponsors	General
Novartis (fingolimod)	 Board of Community Health Councils in Wales
Patient/carer groups	British National Formulary
Afiya Trust	Care Quality Commission
Black Health Agency	Commissioning Support Appraisals
Brain and Spine Foundation	Service
Chinese National Healthy Living Centre	 Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety for Northern Ireland
Counsel and Care	Medicines and Healthcare products
Equalities National Council	Regulatory Agency
Leonard Cheshire Disability	National Association of Primary Care
Multiple Sclerosis National Therapy	Neurological Alliance of Scotland
Centres	NHS Alliance
Multiple Sclerosis Resource Centre	NHS Commercial Medicines Unit
Multiple Sclerosis Trust	NHS Confederation
Multiple Sclerosis Society	NHS Quality Improvement Scotland
Muslim Council of Great Britain	Public Health Wales NHS Trust
Muslim Health Network	Scottish Medicines Consortium
Neurological Alliance	Wales Neurological Alliance
Neurosupport	_
Royal Association for Disability &	Comparator manufacturer(s)
Rehabilitation (RADAR)	Bayer (interferon beta-1b)
South Asian Health Foundation	Biogen Idec (interferon beta-1a,
Specialised Healthcare Alliance	natalizumab)
Sue Ryder Care	Elan Pharma International
	(natalizumab)
Professional groups	Merk Serono (interferon beta-1a)
 Association of British Neurologists 	Sanofi-Aventis (glatiramer acetate)
 British Association for Services to 	Teva (glatiramer actetate)
the Elderly	
British Geriatrics Society	Relevant research groups
 British Neuropathological Society 	British Neurological Research Trust

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Consultees	Commentators (no right to submit or appeal)
 British Society of Rehabilitative Medicine Institute of Neurology Primary Care Neurology Society Royal College of General Practitioners Royal College of Nursing Royal College of Pathologists Royal College of Physicians Royal Pharmaceutical Society Royal Society of Medicine – Intellectual Disabilities Forum United Kingdom Clinical Pharmacy Association UK MS Specialist Nurses Association (MSSSNA) 	 MRC Clinical Trials Unit National Institute for Health Research Policy Research Institute on Ageing and Ethnicity Research Institute for the Care of Older People Evidence Review Group Aberdeen HTA Group National Institute for Health Research Health Technology Assessment Programme Associated Guideline Groups National Collaborating Centre for Chronic Conditions
 Others Department of Health NHS North Yorkshire and York NHS South Staffordshire Welsh Assembly Government 	Associated Public Health Groups None

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Definitions:

Consultees

Organisations that accept an invitation to participate in the appraisal; the manufacturer(s) or sponsor(s) of the technology; national professional organisations; national patient organisations; the Department of Health and the Welsh Assembly Government and relevant NHS organisations in England.

The manufacturer/sponsor of the technology is invited to make an evidence submission, respond to consultations and has the right to appeal against the Final Appraisal Determination (FAD).

All non-manufacturer/sponsor consultees are invited to submit a statement¹, respond to consultations, nominate clinical specialists or patient experts and have the right to appeal against the Final Appraisal Determination (FAD).

Commentators

Organisations that engage in the appraisal process but that are not asked to prepare an evidence submission or statement, are able to respond to consultations and they receive the FAD for information only, without right of appeal. These organisations are: manufacturers of comparator technologies; NHS Quality Improvement Scotland; the relevant National Collaborating Centre (a group commissioned by the Institute to develop clinical guidelines); other related research groups where appropriate (for example, the Medical Research Council [MRC], National Cancer Research Institute); other groups (for example, the NHS Confederation, NHS Information Authority and NHS Purchasing and Supplies Agency, and the *British National Formulary*.

All non-manufacturers/sponsors commentators are invited to nominate clinical specialists or patient experts.

Evidence Review Group (ERG)

An independent academic group commissioned by the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Health Technology Assessment Programme (HTA Programme) to assist the Appraisal Committee in reviewing the manufacturer/sponsor evidence submission to the Institute.

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¹ Non manufacturer consultees are invited to submit statements relevant to the group they are representing.