

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CLINICAL EXCELLENCE

HEALTH TECHNOLOGY APPRAISAL PROGRAMME

Equality impact assessment – Guidance development

STA Mirabegron for the treatment of symptoms associated with overactive bladder

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

Consultation

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| 1. Have the potential equality issues identified during the scoping process been addressed by the Committee, and, if so, how? |
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Yes. The only equality issue identified during the scoping process was people with overactive bladder whose symptoms have not been controlled with currently available therapies may need to supply their own incontinence pads. For low-income patients, these out-of-pocket expenses represent a higher proportion of their total income. The Committee noted that this was not a group protected under equalities legislation, and that the use of mirabegron would be unlikely to affect this group disproportionately.

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| 2. Have any other potential equality issues been raised in the submissions, expert statements or academic report, and, if so, how has the Committee addressed these? |
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No other equalities issues have been raised.

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| 3. Have any other potential equality issues been identified by the Committee, and, if so, how has the Committee addressed these? |
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No other equalities issues have been identified.

4. Do the preliminary recommendations 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?

There have been no barriers to access identified during this appraisal.

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 adverse impacts on people with disabilities have been identified during this appraisal.

6. Are there any recommendations or explanations that the Committee could make to remove or alleviate barriers to, or difficulties with, access identified in questions 4 or 5, or otherwise fulfil NICE's obligations to promote equality?

There are no additional barriers to access for people who are protected under equalities legislation in the preliminary recommendations.

7. Have the Committee's considerations of equality issues been described in the appraisal consultation document, and, if so, where?

Yes, in section 4.20 in the Appraisal Consultation Document.

Approved by Associate Director (name): Janet Robertson

Date: 21/02/2013

Final appraisal determination

(when an ACD issued)

1. Have any additional potential equality issues been raised during the consultation, and, if so, how has the Committee addressed these?

No other equalities issues have been raised.

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?

The recommendations have not changed after consultation, and no barriers to access have been identified during this appraisal.

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?

The recommendations have not changed after consultation, and no adverse impacts on people with disabilities have been identified during this appraisal.

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?

The recommendations have not changed after consultation, and there are no additional barriers to access for people who are protected under equalities legislation in the preliminary recommendations.

5. Have the Committee's considerations of equality issues been described in the final appraisal determination, and, if so, where?

Yes, in section 4.21 in the Final Appraisal Document.

Approved by Centre or Programme Director (name): Meindert Boysen.....

Date: 01 May 2013