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

**Consultation**

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

It was agreed during the scoping process that there were no potential equality issues that needed to be considered by the Committee.

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?

No potential equality issues have been raised in the submissions, expert statements or academic report.

3. Have any other potential equality issues been identified by the Committee, and, if so, how has the Committee addressed these?

No other potential equality issues have been identified by the Committee.
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?

The preliminary recommendations do not make it more difficult in practice for a specific group to access the technology compared with other groups.

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?

There is no potential for the preliminary recommendations to have an adverse impact on people with disabilities because of something that is a consequence of the disability.

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?

Not applicable.

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

The summary table states that no relevant equality considerations were raised during the appraisal.

**Approved by Associate Director (name):** ......Janet Robertson...

**Date:** 14/08/14
# 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 additional potential equality issues were raised during consultation on the ACD.

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 in practice for a specific group to access the technology compared with other groups.

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?

   There is no potential for the change in the recommendations to have an adverse impact on people with disabilities because of something that is a consequence of the disability.

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 appraisal determination, and, if so, where?

The summary table states that no relevant equality considerations were raised during the appraisal.

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

Date: 05/01/2015