Response to consultee and commentator comments on the provisional matrix of consultees and commentators (pre-referral)

### 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:

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<td><strong>1.</strong> European League Against Rheumatism (EULAR)</td>
<td>GlaxoSmithKline</td>
<td>Not included</td>
<td>Organisations that are invited to participate in a technology appraisal are national organisations based in the UK/Wales. The European League Against Rheumatism (EULAR) is not based in the UK/Wales, so has not been included in the matrix of consultees and commentators.</td>
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<td><strong>2.</strong> A possible comparator (i.e. standard treatment) is rituximab (unlicensed use), manufactured by Roche. Therefore, if this is to be considered within the scope of the appraisal then Roche should be included in the consultation.</td>
<td>NHS Bolton</td>
<td>Noted</td>
<td>Please see the final matrix of consultees and commentators for the list of comparator manufacturers.</td>
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3. In addition, I am not sure whether the British Isles Lupus Assessment Group (BILAG) should be included as a consultee.

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This organisation does not come under the definition of a consultee or commentator, but provides an assessment tool considered in the evidence base. British Isles Lupus Assessment Group (BILAG) have therefore not been included in the matrix of consultees and commentators.

4. British Lung Foundation
Association of Respiratory Nurse Specialists
Primary Care Respiratory Society
Cochrane Airways Group

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The respiratory groups’ interests are not closely related to the appraisal topic. Therefore, these organisations have been removed from the matrix of consultees and commentators.

5. Neurological Alliance
Neurosupport
Association of British Neurologists
British Neuropathological Society
Institute of Neurology
Primary Care Neurology Society
Neurological Alliance of Scotland
Wales Neurological Alliance
British Neurological Research Trust

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| 6. | Action Heart  
| | British Cardiac Patients Association  
| | Heart Care Partnership  
| | British Association for Nurses in Cardiac Care  
| | British Cardiovascular Intervention Society  
| | British Cardiovascular Society  
| | British Committee for Standards in Haematology  
| | British Heart Foundation  
| | British Society for Haematology  
| | British Thoracic Society  
| | National Heart Forum (UK)  
| | Primary Care Cardiovascular Society  
| | UK Forum on Haemoglobin Disorders  
| | Vascular Society  
| | British Cardiovascular Industry Association  
| | British Neurological Research Trust  
| | Cardiovascular Diseases Specialist Library  
| | Central Cardiac Audit Database  
| | Cochrane Heart Group  
| | Wellcome Trust – Cardiovascular Research Initiative  
| | NICE Secretariat | Removed | The cardiovascular and haematological groups’ interests are not closely related to the appraisal topic. Therefore, these organisations have been removed from the matrix of consultees and commentators. |

| 7. | Association of Urological Nurses  
| | NICE Secretariat | Removed | This organisation’s interests are not closely related to the appraisal topic. Therefore Association of Urological Nurses has been removed from the matrix of consultees and commentators. |
8. Carers UK  | NICE Secretariat  | Removed  | This organisation’s interests are not closely related to the appraisal topic and as per our inclusion criteria. Carers UK has not been included in the matrix of consultees and commentators.

9. Network of Sikh Organisations  | NICE Secretariat  | Removed  | This organisation’s interests are not closely related to the appraisal topic and as per our inclusion criteria. Network of Sikh Organisations has not been included in the matrix of consultees and commentators.

10. Royal Association for Disability and Rehabilitation (RADAR)  | NICE Secretariat  | Removed  | This organisation’s interests are not closely related to the appraisal topic and as per our inclusion criteria. Royal Association for Disability and Rehabilitation (RADAR) has not been included in the matrix of consultees and commentators.

11. Sickle Cell Society  
    - NHS Sickle Cell and Thalassaemia Screening Programme  | NICE Secretariat  | Removed  | These group’s interests are not closely related to the appraisal topic. Therefore these organisations have been removed from the matrix of consultees and commentators.

12. Skill: National Bureau for Students with Disabilities  | NICE Secretariat  | Removed  | This organisation’s interests are not directly related to the appraisal topic and as per our inclusion criteria. Skill: National Bureau for Students with Disabilities has been removed from the matrix of consultees and commentators.
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<td>British Society for Allergy and Clinical Immunology</td>
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<td>This organisation has an area of interest closely related to this appraisal topic and meets the selection criteria to participate in this appraisal.</td>
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<td>15.</td>
<td>National Pharmacy Association (UK)</td>
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<td>17.</td>
<td>British Society for Immunology</td>
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<td>18.</td>
<td>Thank you for the offer but this is not an appropriate role for me or the PCDS since it is not directly relevant to primary care.</td>
<td>Primary Care Dermatology Society</td>
<td>Removed</td>
<td>This organisation has been removed from the matrix at their own request.</td>
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<td>19.</td>
<td>Please remove MDS UK Patient Support Group from this particular appraisal – we are not at all involved in the treatment of lupus.</td>
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