

# NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE EXCELLENCE

## HEALTH TECHNOLOGY APPRAISAL PROGRAMME

### Equality impact assessment

#### MTA Cochlear implants for children and adults with severe to profound deafness – partial update 2018

In 2018 [technology appraisal guidance 166: cochlear implants for children and adults with severe to profound deafness](#) was partially updated and replaced by [technology appraisal guidance 566: cochlear implants for children and adults with severe to profound deafness](#). This guidance was updated after a review of the criteria for defining severe to profound deafness and for assessing adequate benefit from acoustic hearing aids set out in recommendation 1.5. See section 4.4 of the guidance for further details. No other sections of the guidance have been updated, so these are the same as in the original guidance.

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

#### Final appraisal determination

(when no ACD was issued)

1. Have the potential equality issues identified during the scoping process been addressed by the committee, and, if so, how?
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Not applicable – no new scope was issued.
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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 potential equality issues were raised in the stakeholder submissions.
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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.

4. Do the 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?

No.

5. 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?

No.

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 final appraisal determination, and, if so, where?

Not applicable.

**Approved by Associate Director (name): Nicole Elliott**

**Date:** 1/05/2019