

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH CLINICAL EXCELLENCE

Single Technology Appraisal (STA)

Varenicline for smoking cessation

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:				
	Proposal:	Proposal made by:	Action taken: Removed/Added/Not included/Noted	Justification:

	<p>The College suggests that ASH (Action on Smoking & Health) Scotland should be included in the consultation, as only ASH is mentioned at present (presumably ASH UK in London). Although this is a NICE Single Technology Assessment and therefore aimed more at England, we feel that ASH Scotland should be invited to comment as ASH Scotland is a significantly bigger organisation than ASH UK and have much expertise among their staff. Also, the outcome of this assessment will probably inform the Scottish process.</p>	<p>Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh</p>	<p>Not included</p>	<p>Organisations that are invited to participate in a technology appraisal are national organisations based in the UK/Wales. Therefore, ASH Scotland does not meet the selection criteria to be included on the matrix of consultees and commentators. Organisations who wish to participate in an appraisal can do so by feeding their comments through one of the national organisations already listed on the matrix. Alternatively, consultees and commentators will be invited, at the beginning of an appraisal, to nominate experts. This is another opportunity for individuals to be involved.</p>
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