

# Berotrastat for preventing recurrent attacks of hereditary angioedema

Technology appraisal guidance

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# 1 Recommendations

1.1 Berotrastat is recommended as an option for preventing recurrent attacks of hereditary angioedema in people 12 years and older, only if:

- they have at least 2 attacks per month, and
- it is stopped if the number of attacks per month does not reduce by at least 50% after 3 months.

It is only recommended if the company provides berotrastat according to the [commercial arrangement](#).

1.2 This recommendation is not intended to affect treatment with berotrastat that was started in the NHS before this guidance was published. People having treatment outside this recommendation may continue without change to the funding arrangements in place for them before this guidance was published, until they and their NHS clinician consider it appropriate to stop. For young people, this decision should be made jointly by the clinician and the young person and the young person's parents or carers.

## Why the committee made these recommendations

There are not many effective treatments available for preventing recurrent attacks of hereditary angioedema. Clinical trial evidence suggests that berotrastat is effective at reducing the number of attacks per month compared with placebo.

Despite some uncertainty in the clinical evidence, berotrastat is considered cost effective for people who have at least 2 attacks per month, and if they stop having berotrastat if it has not reduced attacks enough after 3 months. So, it is recommended for these people.

## 2 Information about berotralstat

### Marketing authorisation indication

- 2.1 Berotralstat (Orladeyo, BioCryst) is indicated for 'routine prevention of recurrent attacks of hereditary angioedema (HAE) in adult and adolescent patients aged 12 years and older'.

### Dosage in the marketing authorisation

- 2.2 The dosage schedule is available in the [summary of product characteristics](#).

### Price

- 2.3 The list price of berotralstat is £10,205 for a 28-pack of 150 mg capsules (company submission), which equates to an annual cost of £133,120.60. The company has a [commercial arrangement](#). This makes berotralstat available to the NHS with a discount. The size of the discount is commercial in confidence. It is the company's responsibility to let relevant NHS organisations know details of the discount.

## 3 Committee discussion

The [appraisal committee](#) considered evidence submitted by BioCryst, a review of this submission by the evidence review group (ERG), and responses from stakeholders. See the [committee papers](#) for full details of the evidence.

### New treatment option

#### **There is an unmet need for effective treatment options for preventing recurrent attacks of hereditary angioedema**

3.1 Hereditary angioedema is a rare genetic disorder. It affects approximately 1 per 10,000 to 50,000 people, and usually develops in the first 10 to 20 years of life. It is a relapsing condition that causes unpredictable and recurrent attacks of swelling. This is usually in the mouth, gut or airway, but it can affect multiple places in the body at once. It often leads to difficulty breathing and severe pain. The patient experts explained that acute attacks of hereditary angioedema are difficult to predict and can vary in severity from mild to life threatening. Attacks can significantly affect the quality of life of people with this condition, as well as that of their family members and carers. The patient and clinical experts explained that attacks can be triggered by anxiety and stress; for example, exams, surgery or dental treatment, as well as positive life events such as weddings and holidays. The clinical experts highlighted that usually attacks are treated as they happen. They advised that the aim of prophylactic treatment is to reduce the rate and severity of attacks and allow people to live an attack-free life. There are currently no effective licensed oral prophylactic treatments. Current oral long-term prophylactic treatment includes attenuated androgens, usually danazol. These are prescribed early in the treatment pathway but often have side effects and limited effectiveness. Also, access to androgens is often limited because of supply issues (see [section 3.2](#)). The clinical experts explained that long-term prophylactic treatment with injectable lanadelumab or C1 esterase inhibitors (C1-INH) is only available in England for a very small number of people who have 2 or more clinically

significant attacks per week as per [NHS England's commissioning policy](#). The patient and clinical experts also highlighted that there are limited prophylactic treatment options for people with difficult intravenous access and needle phobia. The committee recognised that hereditary angioedema can be a severe and debilitating condition. It acknowledged the lack of effective prophylactic treatment options available to people with this condition. The committee concluded that there is an unmet need for effective treatment options for preventing recurrent attacks of hereditary angioedema.

## Treatment pathway and comparators

### **Berotrastat is recommended whether or not people have had androgens before**

- 3.2 The company originally positioned berotrastat for people with at least 2 angioedema attacks per month who have used androgens before, or if androgens are unsuitable. To align with its proposed positioning for berotrastat, in the economic model the company used data on the subgroup of patients in APeX-2 (the main source of clinical evidence; see [section 3.4](#) and [section 3.5](#)) who had at least 2 attacks per month and who had used androgens before. This population is narrower than that specified in the marketing authorisation and NICE scope. It is also narrower than the intention to treat population of APeX-2 (n=80 in the intention to treat population compared with n=35 in the company's proposed positioning subgroup). The intention to treat population in APeX-2 also includes patients who had fewer than 2 attacks per month, and those who had not used androgens before. The clinical experts explained that specifying 2 or more attacks a month is reasonable. This is because people having less frequent attacks may not want to take regular or preventative treatments to avoid attacks. However, they stated that supply of androgens in the NHS is inconsistent. They explained that access to androgens varies, is based on local arrangements, and people are unable to get them from local pharmacies. One expert highlighted that the Department of Health and Social Care's advice to clinicians is to not prescribe androgens to people who have not had them before. The committee heard that people under 18 cannot have androgens, but

people under 18 are included in the marketing authorisation for berotralstat. It was concerned that positioning berotralstat after androgens may prevent some people from accessing berotralstat. Consultation comments highlighted that the term 'unsuitable for androgens' in the company's proposed positioning wording should apply to people under 18. During consultation, the company agreed that it is suboptimal to deny access to berotralstat because of androgen supply shortages and updated its proposed positioning wording to include 'unavailability of androgens'. However, the committee remained concerned that this may still inadvertently prevent some people from accessing berotralstat. So it based its decision making on a larger subgroup (see [section 3.7](#)), which included some people who had not had androgens before. Since the cost-effectiveness estimates for this subgroup are within the range normally considered cost effective, berotralstat is recommended whether or not people have had androgens before (see [section 3.16](#)).

## **Standard care is an appropriate comparator at the company's proposed positioning of berotralstat**

3.3 The company submission compared prophylactic berotralstat with no prophylactic treatment. In both groups people had treatment if they had an attack. The company described this as standard care. Standard care treatments include C1-INHs, icatibant and conestat alfa. The ERG noted that this was narrower than the comparators specified in NICE's final scope for this appraisal. But the ERG's clinical expert agreed with the company's description of how hereditary angioedema is currently treated in the UK. The committee concluded that standard care is an appropriate comparator at the company's proposed positioning of berotralstat.

## **Clinical effectiveness**

### **The clinical evidence for berotralstat is from APeX-2, a phase 3, randomised, placebo-controlled trial**

3.4 The clinical-effectiveness evidence for berotralstat is from APeX-2. This is a 3-part, phase 3, randomised, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial in

people 12 years or older with type 1 or type 2 hereditary angioedema. Part 1 of APeX-2 compared berotrastat 150 mg (n=40) with placebo (n=40) over a follow-up period of 6 months. People had standard care if they had an attack during the trial period in both the berotrastat and placebo arms (see [section 3.3](#)). The placebo arm of APeX-2 informed the clinical evidence for the standard care arm used in the economic model. Berotrastat 110 mg was also included in APeX-2 but was not considered relevant to this appraisal because this dose will not be licensed or marketed in the UK. The committee was aware of the small sample size of the trial, particularly for the trial data relevant to the company's proposed positioning (see [section 3.2](#)). However, it acknowledged that doing a robust trial in hereditary angioedema is difficult because of the rarity of the disease.

## **Clinical evidence suggests berotrastat is more effective than placebo in reducing attack rate, but its effect on attack severity is not known**

3.5 Results from the intention to treat population of APeX-2 show a statistically significant reduction in mean monthly attack rates of 44% with berotrastat compared with placebo. Similar results were observed for the subgroup of patients from APeX-2 who had 2 or more attacks at baseline. The patient experts explained that a prophylactic treatment that reduces attack rate could potentially be life changing for people with this condition. However, they explained that although the reduction in attack rate is a clinically important outcome for people with hereditary angioedema, the reduction in attack severity would be equally important. They noted that if a treatment did not reduce attack rate, but reduced attack severity, they would still value the option to have that treatment. They further highlighted that the hospitalisation of people with hereditary angioedema is often because of attack severity rather than attack rate. The company and the ERG stated that the location of the attack (such as the limbs or the airway) and duration of attack were used as a proxy for attack severity in the model. The company explained that the direct measure of attack severity in the trial was subjective and did not show that berotrastat reduced attack severity more than placebo. This was despite the proxy measures showing that berotrastat reduced severity. So this subjective measure was not considered credible enough

to be included as an outcome in the analysis. The committee recognised that it is important to consider evidence on attack severity as well as attack rate when assessing the clinical effectiveness of berotrastat. The committee was dissatisfied that direct data on severity from APeX-2 was not presented and applied in the model but accepted that there are limitations with this data. It concluded that the clinical evidence suggests berotrastat is more effective than placebo in reducing attack rate, but its effect on attack severity is not known.

## Economic model

### The company's model structure is acceptable for decision making

3.6 The company submitted a cohort-level Markov model with 2 health states: alive and dead. The alive health state was split into 2 substates: attack free or attack. The time spent in each of these substates was determined by treatment-specific attack rates from APeX-2. The model used percentage reductions from baseline attack rates in the berotrastat and placebo arms of APeX-2, applied to the baseline attack rates specified in the model. People in the attack substate incur the costs of an acute attack and lower health benefits compared with those in the attack-free substate. The ERG advised that the model structure is generally acceptable and similar to a previous appraisal in this disease area (see [NICE's technology appraisal guidance on lanadelumab](#)). In the berotrastat arm of the model, the company applied a treatment continuation rule. This rule states that people can only continue taking berotrastat if they have a reduction in attack rate of at least 50% compared with baseline by 3 months. However, the committee noted that there was no continuation rule in APeX-2 or the marketing authorisation. It was concerned with the choice of a 50% or more reduction in attack rate from baseline as the cut-off point to continue treatment beyond 3 months. The company stated that this 50% or more cut-off point was based on people having 2 or more attacks per month. It noted that applying this cut-off point results in a reduction of at least 1 attack per month. The patient experts explained that if people had fewer attacks but did not reach the threshold of a 50% reduction, they would likely want to continue treatment anyway. Also, even if the number

of attacks did not decrease, but the severity did, they would consider it beneficial to continue treatment. The committee noted the importance of the patient experts' comments, and was concerned that it would be difficult to implement the continuation rule in clinical practice. In response to consultation, the company highlighted that a continuation rule is already being used in clinical practice through the early access to medicines scheme for berotrastat. It noted that continuation rules are in place for other treatments for hereditary angioedema through [NHS England's commissioning policy](#) on C1-INHs. Comments from consultees, including patient organisations, also supported applying the continuation rule in clinical practice. They suggested that clear guidance on stopping if the response to berotrastat is not good enough should be provided and that a 50% reduction in attacks is reasonable. Clinical advice to the ERG also supported the continuation rule. However, the ERG highlighted that the early access to medicines scheme for berotrastat and NHS England's commissioning policy for use of C1-INHs do not strictly define the percentage reduction in attack rate. The committee was satisfied that it was appropriate to include a continuation rule in the economic model. It concluded that the model structure is acceptable for decision making.

## **Analysis from the larger subgroup is appropriate for decision making**

- 3.7 To align with its proposed positioning for berotrastat, the company's model inputs were based on data from a subgroup of APeX-2 with a small number of patients (n=35, 17 patients who had berotrastat and 18 who had standard care; see [section 3.2](#)). The ERG highlighted its concerns with using clinical evidence for attack rate reductions based on a small sample size. It suggested that analysis using the intention to treat population would provide this evidence for a larger number of people. This would also reduce uncertainty in the cost-effectiveness analysis. In response to technical engagement, the company considered using the intention to treat population from APeX-2 to inform its economic model. But because this included people who would not have berotrastat in UK clinical practice, it suggested that this would undermine the cost-effectiveness evidence used for decision making. Instead, it provided a scenario analysis using clinical evidence from a larger subgroup (n=57)

of people with at least 2 attacks per month who may not have used androgens before. The ERG agreed with using this larger subgroup because it included more people than the company's proposed positioning subgroup. At the second meeting, the ERG also highlighted that the company's updated positioning (see section 3.2) may include more people who have not had androgens before. This made using data from the larger subgroup more relevant. The committee recalled its concerns about the company's positioning (see section 3.2). It concluded that the larger subgroup including those who may not have used androgens before is more appropriate for decision making.

## **Applying the placebo effect consistently across treatment arms when extrapolating attack rate is appropriate**

3.8 The company's original model used observed data from APeX-2 to inform treatment-specific baseline attack rates. It used the monthly percentage reduction in attack rates from baseline to 12 months for the berotrastat arm, and to 6 months for the standard care arm. To extrapolate the long-term percentage reduction in attack rate in each treatment arm beyond the specified periods, it used the last observed percentage reduction carried forward over the remaining time horizon of the model. The ERG raised several concerns with the company's original base-case analysis:

- It relied on treatment-arm specific baseline attack rates, rather than adjusting these to be equal between arms.
- Percentage reductions in attack rate for people who met the company's criteria to continue treatment at 3 months (see [section 3.6](#); n=8) were calculated from the average baseline attack rate of the wider subgroup (including people who met the criteria and those who did not; n=17), rather than only using the baseline attack rate of people who met the criteria.

- Using the last observation carried forward approach does not recognise the observed variation in monthly attack rates compared with baseline. This may potentially exaggerate the expected difference in attack rate between the berotrastat and standard care arms over the duration of the model (particularly given the small patient numbers).

The company noted the ERG's comments and provided a revised base case at the first committee meeting, which included:

- a pooled baseline attack rate between the berotrastat and standard care arms
- a separate baseline attack rate for people who met the company's criteria to continue treatment with berotrastat

- an average reduction in attack rate (using data from months 4 to 12) applied from month 12 onwards for the berotrastat arm. This was relative to the baseline attack rate for people who met the criteria to continue treatment with berotrastat.

The committee noted that in its revised base case the company assumed a 0% reduction in attack rate for the standard care arm to be carried forward beyond 6 months in the model. This was different from the ERG's suggested approach to carry forward the average attack rate reduction between months 0 and 6. The ERG explained that the company's approach only removed the placebo effect from the standard care arm. But it suggested that some placebo effect is also likely in the berotrastat arm as well. The committee suggested it may be more appropriate to adjust the average percentage reduction in attack rate in the berotrastat arm carried forward beyond the observed trial period, using the size of placebo effect seen in the standard care arm. In response to consultation, the company provided an updated model using APeX-2 data up to 24 months for the berotrastat arm. For the berotrastat arm, the updated model used an average attack rate carried forward from month 24 onwards. For the standard care arm, the reduction in attack rate was tapered to the baseline attack rate from months 6 to 12. This is to account for the placebo effect observed in the placebo arm of APeX-2. The baseline attack rate is then carried forward from month 12 onwards. The ERG provided additional scenarios using different methods for extrapolating attack rate reduction for the standard care and berotrastat arms, including accounting for a placebo effect in the berotrastat arm. The committee considered the company's approach inconsistent and likely to favour the treatment effect in the berotrastat arm. It preferred the ERG's scenario in which the placebo effect is accounted for in both the standard care arm and berotrastat arm from month 7, with the placebo effect applied to the average berotrastat attack rate reduction beyond the trial observed period. It concluded that the extrapolation of attack rate reduction that applies the placebo effect consistently across treatment arms is more appropriate.

## **Treatment-arm specific costs for managing acute attacks taken directly from APeX-2 are appropriate for decision making**

- 3.9 The company's model took treatment-arm specific costs for managing acute attacks from APeX-2. This resulted in the estimated costs per

attack being lower in the berotrastat arm than in the standard care arm. This was because of a reduced need for multiple administrations of treatments to manage acute attacks. However, the ERG's clinical expert suggested that there was no plausible reason for berotrastat to consistently affect the cost of treating attacks. Because of the small sample size of the company's proposed positioning subgroup (see [section 3.2](#)), the ERG advised that it would be more appropriate to use equal acute attack treatment costs between the berotrastat and standard care arms, based on the intention to treat population. In response to technical engagement, the company highlighted that use of acute treatments in the berotrastat and standard care arms of APeX-2 was consistent between its proposed positioning subgroup, the intention to treat population and the larger subgroup. Clinical advice to the company suggested that a reduced need for multiple treatments for acute attacks in the berotrastat arm was because of reduced attack severity. During technical engagement, the clinical experts highlighted that prophylactic treatment would likely reduce both the rate and severity of attacks, resulting in lower costs per acute attack overall. They explained that the number of people who need a second dose of treatment to manage acute attacks would reduce if berotrastat reduces attack severity. The committee considered that alternative published data sources may provide information about the use of treatments for acute attacks. However, it concluded that treatment-arm specific costs for managing acute attacks taken directly from APeX-2 were appropriate for decision making.

## Health-related quality of life

### **Analysis using utility values that reflect attack severity as well as attack rate reduction would have been preferable**

- 3.10 The company used utility values from Nordenfelt et al. (2014), a Swedish registry study that included EQ-5D-5L values for both the attack-free and attack substates. The ERG highlighted that EQ-5D data was collected in APeX-2. It considered that this should have been explored further, particularly in the APeX-2 intention to treat population given the small sample size of the company's proposed positioning subgroup (see

[section 3.2](#)) and the continuation rule (see [section 3.6](#)). During technical engagement, the company explained that using the EQ-5D data from APeX-2 resulted in implausible utility values for the attack-free health state because they were higher than those of the general UK population. The clinical experts explained that the effect of an attack on quality of life is more likely to be influenced by personal factors and severity of attacks, rather than prior treatment with androgens or attack rate. They advised that quality of life is better for those in the berotrastat arm compared with the standard care arm when attack free. The ERG also highlighted that the utility values from Nordenfelt et al. were based on a larger sample size and that the attack utility data was collected systematically. In contrast, in APeX-2, the quality-of-life data collection may not have coincided with an attack. The committee was concerned that using utility values directly from APeX-2 may not adequately capture the effect of attacks on health-related quality of life and does not reflect the effect of attack severity. But it noted that the latter was likely to apply to the utility values from Nordenfelt et al. too. The ERG explained that the duration of attack, which is used as a proxy for attack severity, is captured in the quality-adjusted life year (QALY) calculation. But it noted that there was not much difference in the duration of attack between the different treatment arms in APeX-2. The committee concluded that analysis using utility values that reflect attack severity as well as attack rate reduction would have been preferable.

## **It is not appropriate to include health-related quality of life effects for carers in the base case**

- 3.11 The company's original model included a caregiver disutility based on a time trade off study that reflected how anxiety and the need to provide care affect caregivers' health-related quality of life. This was applied in the model for all the time spent caring for a person with an attack in the alive health state. The ERG explained that applying a single carer disutility for every attack and for every person may be too simplistic. It noted that it is unlikely that all attacks will affect carers to the same extent. It also had concerns with how large the carer disutility is, but this figure is considered confidential by the company and cannot be reported here. It suggested that this was too large when compared with the range identified in the [NICE's decision support unit review of other technology](#)

[appraisals](#) (0.01 to 0.173 per year). Following technical engagement, the company revised its base case by applying carer disutility to 52% of attacks based on a burden of illness study. The patient experts explained the effect hereditary angioedema attacks have on carers, and the level of anxiety associated with caring for a family member with hereditary angioedema. The committee heard that, despite a reduction in attack rate, the level of anxiety remains, although often to a lesser extent for both patients and carers. The committee was aware that [NICE's guide to the methods of technology appraisal](#) states that the perspective on outcomes should be 'all direct health effects, whether for patients or, when relevant, carers'. However, it noted that although many diseases and conditions may adversely affect carers, few technology appraisals model this. For example, carer disutility was not included in a previous appraisal in this disease area (see [NICE's technology appraisal guidance on lanadelumab](#)). It considered that there was no clear evidence to suggest that the utility gains for carers associated with berotrastat use would be substantially greater than those with displaced treatments. It concluded that it was not appropriate to include health-related quality of life effects for carers in the base case.

## Cost-effectiveness estimates

### Berotrastat is cost effective compared with standard care

- 3.12 The committee considered the cost effectiveness for berotrastat compared with standard care using its preferred assumptions, that is:
- using the larger subgroup to inform the clinical and cost-effectiveness evidence (see [section 3.7](#))
  - using a continuation rule in the economic model (see [section 3.6](#))
  - applying the placebo effect consistently across treatment arms when extrapolating attack rate reduction (see [section 3.8](#))
  - not applying carer disutility to ongoing attacks (see [section 3.11](#))

- treatment-arm specific costs for managing acute attacks taken directly from APeX-2 (see [section 3.9](#)).

The analyses took into account the updated confidential commercial arrangement for berotralstat and the confidential Commercial Medicines Unit prices for treatments used for acute attacks. It agreed that the most plausible incremental cost-effectiveness ratio (ICER) was within the range NICE normally considers an acceptable use of NHS resources, that is £20,000 to £30,000 per QALY gained. The exact figure cannot be reported because of the confidential prices for the treatments used for acute attacks. The committee concluded that berotralstat is a cost-effective use of NHS resources compared with standard care.

## End of life

### **Berotralstat does not meet the criteria to be considered a life-extending treatment at the end of life**

- 3.13 The committee considered the advice about life-extending treatments for people with a short life expectancy in [NICE's guide to the methods of technology appraisal](#). It noted that berotralstat is a long-term prophylactic treatment and that the company did not make a case for berotralstat to be considered a life-extending treatment. The committee concluded that berotralstat does not meet the criteria to be considered a life-extending treatment at the end of life.

## Innovation

### **Berotralstat is an innovative prophylactic treatment for recurrent attacks of hereditary angioedema**

- 3.14 The committee considered berotralstat to be innovative because it would be the first licensed oral prophylactic treatment option for people with recurrent attacks of hereditary angioedema. This would mean people would have access to medicine that is more convenient than injectables. The patient and clinical experts explained the importance of reducing

attack rate and people being attack free. They highlighted the potential for berotrastat to improve unpredictable and recurrent attacks of swelling and overall quality of life of people with this condition. The committee noted that berotrastat was granted early access to medicines scheme status. This gives people with life threatening or seriously debilitating conditions access to medicines that do not yet have a marketing authorisation or when there is a clear unmet medical need. The committee concluded that berotrastat is an innovative prophylactic treatment for recurrent attacks of hereditary angioedema, but all relevant benefits are reflected in the cost-effectiveness estimates.

## Equality considerations

### **There are no equalities issues relevant to the recommendation**

3.15 No equalities issues were raised during scoping and technical engagement. The committee considered the implications of the company's positioning for berotrastat (see [section 3.2](#)), including any equality considerations. No additional equality issues were raised. The committee concluded that there were no equalities issues relevant to the recommendation.

## Conclusion

### **Berotrastat is recommended for preventing recurrent attacks of hereditary angioedema**

3.16 Berotrastat is clinically effective at reducing attack rate compared with placebo. The committee took into account all commercial discounts for berotrastat and standard care treatments and agreed that the most plausible ICER was within the range NICE normally considers to be a cost-effective use of NHS resources. So, it concluded that berotrastat is recommended for preventing recurrent attacks of hereditary angioedema for people 12 years and older. But it is recommended only if they have at least 2 attacks per month, and it is stopped if the number of attacks per month does not reduce by at least 50% after 3 months.

## 4 Implementation

- 4.1 Section 7 of the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (Constitution and Functions) and the Health and Social Care Information Centre (Functions) Regulations 2013 requires clinical commissioning groups, NHS England and, with respect to their public health functions, local authorities to comply with the recommendations in this appraisal within 3 months of its date of publication. Because berotrastat has been available through the early access to medicines scheme, NHS England and commissioning groups have agreed to provide funding to implement this guidance 30 days after publication.
- 4.2 The Welsh ministers have issued directions to the NHS in Wales on implementing NICE technology appraisal guidance. When a NICE technology appraisal recommends the use of a drug or treatment, or other technology, the NHS in Wales must usually provide funding and resources for it within 2 months of the first publication of the final appraisal document.
- 4.3 When NICE recommends a treatment 'as an option', the NHS must make sure it is available within the period set out in the paragraphs above. This means that, if a patient has recurrent attacks of hereditary angioedema and the doctor responsible for their care thinks that berotrastat is the right treatment, it should be available for use, in line with NICE's recommendations.

## 5 Appraisal committee members and NICE project team

### Appraisal committee members

The 4 technology appraisal committees are standing advisory committees of NICE. This topic was considered by [committee C](#).

Committee members are asked to declare any interests in the technology to be appraised. If it is considered there is a conflict of interest, the member is excluded from participating further in that appraisal.

The [minutes of each appraisal committee meeting](#), which include the names of the members who attended and their declarations of interests, are posted on the NICE website.

### NICE project team

Each technology appraisal is assigned to a team consisting of 1 or more health technology analysts (who act as technical leads for the appraisal), a technical adviser and a project manager.

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## Accreditation

