

**NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE  
EXCELLENCE**

**DIAGNOSTICS ASSESSMENT PROGRAMME**

**Equality impact assessment – Scoping**

**Implantable cardiac monitors (BioMonitor 2-AF,  
Confirm Rx insertable cardiac monitor and Reveal  
LINQ Insertable Cardiac Monitoring System) to detect  
atrial fibrillation after cryptogenic stroke**

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

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| 1. Have any potential equality issues been identified during the scoping process (scoping workshop discussion, assessment subgroup discussion), and, if so, what are they? |
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People who have had a stroke may have a cognitive or physical disability and may require their carer to use a patient activation recorder and ensure data is transmitted.
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People who live in rural areas may have less access to internet or cellular networks (such as 4G) and could have problems accessing, or have less reliable access to, the remote monitoring functions of the devices. If so, there may be a need for more hospital visits for monitoring. Alternatively, clinical experts commented that people living in remote areas may benefit from use of the devices because after initial implantation and check-up the remote monitoring feature means there is limited need to visit hospital.
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| 2. What is the preliminary view as to what extent these potential equality issues need addressing by the Committee? |
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The potential equality issues will be noted by the Committee and inform discussions where appropriate.
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3. Has any change to the draft scope been agreed to highlight potential equality issues?

The potential equality issues have been included in the equalities section of the scope.

4. Have any additional stakeholders related to potential equality issues been identified during the scoping process, and, if so, have changes to the stakeholder list been made?

No additional stakeholders have been identified.

**Approved by Associate Director (name):** Sarah Byron

**Date:** 17/08/2018