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DIAGNOSTICS ASSESSMENT PROGRAMME

Equality impact assessment – Scoping

MRI fusion biopsy in people with suspected prostate cancer

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

1. Have any potential equality issues been identified during the scoping process (scoping workshop discussion, assessment subgroup discussion), and, if so, what are they?
 - All people with cancer are covered under the disability provision of the Equality Act (2010) from the point of diagnosis.
 - Radical treatment for prostate cancer can affect fertility.
 - Prostate cancer is more common in older people, people of African family background and people with a family history of prostate cancer.
 - People with learning disabilities are often disproportionately impacted by cancer.
 - Trans women should have access to prostate biopsy if needed.
 - Enlarged prostate is most common in older people and prevalence may vary by ethnic background.
 - Some people are at a greater risk of complications during general anaesthetic. This might include people with diabetes, older people, people who are overweight, people with heart disease and people with high blood pressure.
 - The technology is contraindicated for people who cannot have an MRI, for example, people with implanted non MRI-compatible pacemakers, intracranial aneurysm clips and cochlear implants.
 - The technology may not be suitable for people who have a proctectomy (removal of the rectum). This may be more prevalent in people who have inflammatory bowel diseases, such as ulcerative colitis.

2. What is the preliminary view as to what extent these potential equality issues need addressing by the Committee?

The potential equality issues will be noted by the committee and inform discussions where appropriate.

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?

Several patient groups relating to irritable bowel disease have been invited to register as stakeholders.

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