

# NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE EXCELLENCE

## Health Technology Evaluation

### Equality impact assessment – Scoping

#### Tirzepatide for managing overweight and obesity ID6179

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

1. Have any potential equality issues been identified during the scoping process (draft scope consultation and scoping workshop discussion), and, if so, what are they?

During the scoping process it was highlighted that the committee should consider whether changes to body mass index (BMI) thresholds for members of particular minority ethnic groups are appropriate within the recommendations, to align with CG 189.

Further issues raised during the scoping process were:

- that socioeconomic status influences the incidence and impact of obesity.
- that there is inequality in the access to treatment due to the availability of obesity services being varied throughout England.
- That there is inequality in the access to other treatments for other disability such as hip or knee replacements.

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

Where appropriate and relevant, the committee may consider the BMI thresholds for people from ethnic minority backgrounds during the appraisal.

Socio-economic status and incidence of obesity:

Although socioeconomic status is not a protected characteristic under the Equality Act 2010, where appropriate, the committee may consider the impact on population groups experiencing health inequalities arising from socioeconomic factors during the appraisal.

Availability of obesity services varies throughout England. Therefore, it may be that some groups of people according to geographical location will find it more difficult in practice to access these services. Issues related to access to services cannot be addressed in a technology appraisal but a concern will be raised with the implementation team.

The appraisal should consider the impact of recommendations on people with protected characteristics.

3. Has any change to the draft scope been agreed to highlight potential equality issues?

The background of the scope highlights specific ethnic groups that may be at increased risk of some ill health conditions at lower BMI than people of European family origin. The BMI definitions for overweight and obesity have been added for these ethnic groups.

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.

**Approved by Associate Director (name):** .....Janet Robertson.....

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