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Single Technology Appraisal (STA)

Intensity-Modulated Radiation Therapy for treatment of Head and Neck Cancer

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:					
	<i>Proposal:</i>	<i>Proposal made by:</i>		<i>Action taken:</i> Removed/Added/Not included/Noted	<i>Justification:</i>
1.	Consultees should include manufacturers of both IMRT and SRS systems.	Accuray		<i>Added</i>	

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2.	<p>Consultees should include Medical Physics groups, who will ultimately be planning and performing the QA for IMRT and also Therapy Radiographers who will actively deliver the treatment to the patients. We feel they should be included in any consult in the future as they are at the "cutting edge" as it were.</p>	Elekta			
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3.	Some key groups/ manufacturers have been omitted from the matrix of consultees and commentators. Most significantly the Society of Radiographers should be included. In terms of manufacturers the independent treatment planning system manufacturers should be included (Philips Medical Systems, CMS and Nucletron).	Institute of Physics and Engineering in Medicine (IPEM)	<i>Added</i>	<i>This organisation's interests are closely related to the appraisal topic and as per our inclusion criteria and equalities commitments. Therefore the Society of Radiographers have been added to the matrix under 'professional' groups.</i>
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4.	Consultees should include the Institute of Physics and Engineering in Medicine (IPEM) and the College of Radiographers SCOR.	NCRI Radiotherapy CSG (including co-ordinated comments from other relevant CSGs), Royal College of Radiologists, Royal College of Physicians, Joint Collegiate Council for Oncology and the Association of Cancer Physicians.		<i>Added</i>	<i>This organisation's interests are closely related to the appraisal topic and as per our inclusion criteria and equalities commitments. Therefore the Institute of Physics and Engineering in Medicine (IPEM) and the College of Radiographers SCOR have been added to the matrix under 'professional' groups.</i>
5.	Helen Rollason Heal Cancer Charity should be added to the patient section of the matrix	PPIP		<i>Added</i>	<i>This organisation's interests are closely related to the appraisal topic and as per our inclusion criteria and equalities commitments. Therefore the Helen Rollason Heal Cancer Charity has been added to the matrix under 'patient/carer' groups.</i>

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6.	Cancer Laryngectomee Trust should be added to the patient section of the matrix	PPIP		<i>Added</i>	<i>This organisation's interests are closely related to the appraisal topic and as per our inclusion criteria and equalities commitments. Therefore the Cancer Laryngectomee Trust has been added to the matrix under 'patient/carer' groups.</i>
7.	Changing Faces should be added to the patient section of the matrix	PPIP		<i>Added</i>	<i>This organisation's interests are closely related to the appraisal topic and as per our inclusion criteria and equalities commitments. Therefore Changing Faces has been added to the matrix under 'patient/carer' groups.</i>

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