

# **NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE EXCELLENCE**

## **DIAGNOSTICS ASSESSMENT PROGRAMME**

### **Equality impact assessment – Scoping**

#### **Early value assessment: CaRi-Heart for predicting cardiac risk in suspected coronary artery disease**

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?

Potential equality issues were discussed both in the scoping workshop and in the assessment subgroup meeting on 14 September 2022.

The following were identified as potential equality issues relating to the condition:

- Angina and coronary artery disease (CAD) may have a substantial and long-term adverse effect on a person's ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities. People with these conditions may be classified as having a disability and therefore protected under the Equality Act 2010
  - People with certain conditions, such as diabetes, may be at higher risk of developing CAD. These people may be protected under the disability provision of the Equality Act 2010.
  - CAD is more commonly identified in men than in women. However, women are often underdiagnosed.
  - CAD is also more common in older people and in people in lower socioeconomic groups.
  - People of African and South Asian family background have higher rates of CAD than people who are white and East Asian.
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 considered by committee during decision making.

An objective test may help promote equality in protected groups and others by reducing the number of people who are underdiagnosed.

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 (section 7) 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 related to potential equality issues have been identified during the scoping process.

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

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