

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE EXCELLENCE

Medical technologies evaluation programme

Equality impact assessment: Topic selection and scoping

MT457 Episcissors-60 for guided mediolateral episiotomy

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 development of the topic briefing note or during selection, and, if so, what are they?

No equality issues have been identified, however some women of Asian family origin may be more at risk of obstetric anal sphincter injuries (OASIs). Those with severe faecal incontinence may meet the criteria for disability under the Equality Act 2010. Sex, pregnancy, race and disability are protected characteristics under the Equality Act 2010.

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

No equality issues have been identified

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

During draft scope consultation, it was highlighted that women of Asian family origin may be more at risk of OASIs. It was also highlighted that those with severe faecal incontinence may meet the criteria for disability under the Equality Act 2010. However, these were not considered equality issues. The issues noted in section 1 have been included in the special considerations section of the decision problem.

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?

N/A

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