

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE EXCELLENCE

Medical technologies evaluation programme

Equality impact assessment: Topic selection and scoping

MT273 The PneuX system for preventing ventilator-associated pneumonia in patients in intensive care

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. Risk factors for VAP include age (incidence increases with advancing age) and chronic illnesses (including underlying chronic lung disease, cancer and diabetes), which may significantly affect activities of daily living to the point where a person can be considered to be disabled. Age 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?

No.

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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