

# NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE EXCELLENCE

## EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

### NICE guidelines

#### **Ectopic pregnancy and miscarriage: diagnosis and initial management (update)**

The impact on equality has been assessed during guidance development according to the principles of the NICE equality policy.

#### **4.0 Final guideline (to be completed by the Developer before GE consideration of final guideline)**

4.1 Have any additional potential equality issues been raised during the consultation, and, if so, how has the Committee addressed them?

- A stakeholder raised concerns that some groups of vulnerable or disadvantaged women may be coerced to attempt to reverse the effects of an abortion by using progesterone to counteract the effects of mifepristone. The committee confirmed that their recommendations did not apply to women in this situation, and that they were not aware of evidence for the safety and efficacy of progesterone in this situation. A statement was added to the rationale section to explain this.

4.2 If the recommendations have changed after consultation, are there any recommendations that make it more difficult in practice for a specific group to access services compared with other groups? If so, what are the barriers to, or difficulties with, access for the specific group?

No, there are no recommendations that make it more difficult in practice for a specific group to access services compared with other groups?

4.3 If the recommendations have changed after consultation, is there potential for the recommendations to have an adverse impact on people with disabilities because of something that is a consequence of the disability?

No, there are no recommendations with a potential to have an adverse impact on people with disabilities because of something that is a consequence of the disability?

4.4 If the recommendations have changed after consultation, are there any recommendations or explanations that the Committee could make to remove or alleviate barriers to, or difficulties with, access to services identified in question 4.2, or otherwise fulfil NICE's obligations to advance equality?

Not applicable as no barriers identified in 4.2

4.5 Have the Committee's considerations of equality issues been described in the final guideline, and, if so, where?

The equality issue discussed in section 4.1 has been described in the committee's discussion of the evidence in evidence review C.

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