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Equality impact assessment

Vitamin B12 deficiency, including pernicious anaemia: diagnosis and management

2.0 Checking for updates and scope: after consultation (to be completed by the Developer and submitted with the revised scope)

2.1 Have any potential equality issues been identified during consultation, and, if so, what are they?

It was mentioned that the reference ranges that help with the interpretation of laboratory tests are often derived from populations that do not represent the ethnic diversity of patient cohorts or pregnant mothers and children where the assay is performed.

2.2 Have any changes to the scope been made as a result of consultation to highlight potential equality issues?

Not in the scope. The review questions will look at stratifying by these groups to take account of this.

'Disability' has been added to the section on equality considerations in the scope. This relates to mental health and fatigue and was already listed in section 1 of the EIA form.

2.3 Have any of the changes made led to a change in the primary focus of the guideline which would require consideration of a specific communication or engagement need, related to disability, age, or other equality consideration?

If so, what is it and what action might be taken by NICE or the developer to meet this need? (For example, adjustments to committee processes, additional forms of consultation)

No

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