

To: Alana Miller

Subject: RE: Corticosteroids for the treatment of chronic asthma in adults and children aged 12 years and over

Please find encl my comments on the ACD

In answer to the specific questions below

i) Do you consider that all of the relevant evidence has been taken into account?

NO –see comments on systemic adverse effects and add on effects of LABA on severe exacerbations of increasing the ICS dose

ii) Do you consider that the summaries of clinical and cost effectiveness are reasonable interpretations of the evidence and that the preliminary views on the resource impact and implications for the NHS are appropriate? Yes

iii) Do you consider that the provisional recommendations of the Appraisal Committee are sound and constitute a suitable basis for the preparation of guidance to the NHS? Yes

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