

Please find the Royal College of Pathologists comments on the above ACD document for the appraisal committee.

- Has all of the relevant evidence been taken into account?
  - **Yes**
- Are the summaries of clinical and cost effectiveness reasonable interpretations of the evidence?
  - **Yes, in terms of clinical effectiveness. Cost effectiveness is outside the remit of pathology aspects within the ACD**
- Are the provisional recommendations sound and a suitable basis for guidance to the NHS?
  - **The provisional recommendation seems to have been made on health economic grounds, so it is not appropriate for the RCPATH to comment as pathology was not a factor in the decision making.**
- Are there any aspects of the recommendations that need particular consideration to ensure we avoid unlawful discrimination against any group of people on the grounds of gender, race, disability, age, sexual orientation, religion or belief?
  - **No**
- Are there any equality -related issues that need special consideration and are not covered in the appraisal consultation document?
  - **No**

Regards

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