

# NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE EXCELLENCE

## HEALTH TECHNOLOGY APPRAISAL PROGRAMME

### Equality impact assessment – Guidance development

#### STA Vortioxetine for treating major depressive disorder

The impact on equality has been assessed during this appraisal according to the principles of the NICE equality scheme.

#### Consultation

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| 1. Have the potential equality issues identified during the scoping process been addressed by the Committee, and, if so, how? |
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None of the potential equality issues highlighted during scoping were considered relevant for the Committee discussion.
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| 2. Have any other potential equality issues been raised in the submissions, expert statements or academic report, and, if so, how has the Committee addressed these? |
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The company highlighted a report by the Royal College of Psychiatrists in its submission that noted “people with intellectual disability find it difficult to navigate through services and to negotiate the care they need. Therefore, it is essential that providers of services do not present barriers to their gaining access because of intellectual disability”.
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This issue relates to implementation and cannot be addressed through NICE technology appraisal recommendations.
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| 3. Have any other potential equality issues been identified by the Committee, and, if so, how has the Committee addressed these? |
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No.
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4. Do the preliminary recommendations make it more difficult in practice for a specific group to access the technology compared with other groups? If so, what are the barriers to, or difficulties with, access for the specific group?

No.

5. Is there potential for the preliminary recommendations to have an adverse impact on people with disabilities because of something that is a consequence of the disability?

No.

6. Are there any recommendations or explanations that the Committee could make to remove or alleviate barriers to, or difficulties with, access identified in questions 4 or 5, or otherwise fulfil NICE's obligations to promote equality?

N/A

7. Have the Committee's considerations of equality issues been described in the appraisal consultation document, and, if so, where?

The summary table states that potential equality issues raised during the appraisal could not be addressed through NICE technology appraisal guidance.

**Approved by Associate Director (name):** Elisabeth George

**Date:** 01/06/2015

## Final appraisal determination

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

No additional potential equality issues were raised during consultation of the appraisal consultation document.

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 the technology compared with other groups? If so, what are the barriers to, or difficulties with, access for the specific group?

No.

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.

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 identified in questions 2 and 3, or otherwise fulfil NICE's obligations to promote equality?

N/A

5. Have the Committee's considerations of equality issues been described in the final appraisal determination, and, if so, where?

The summary table states that potential equality issues raised during the appraisal could not be addressed through NICE technology appraisal guidance.

**Approved by Centre or Programme Director (name):** Meindert Boysen

**Date:** 08/09/2015