

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE EXCELLENCE

HEALTH TECHNOLOGY APPRAISAL PROGRAMME

Equality impact assessment – Guidance development

STA Ciclosporin for treating dry eye disease

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

Consultation

1. Have the potential equality issues identified during the scoping process been addressed by the Committee, and, if so, how?

No equality issues were raised during the scoping process

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?

A professional group raised that if ciclosporin is not recommended by NICE in this guidance, a circumstance of postcode lottery may arise as the treatment (in the form of different pharmaceutical formulations) is currently being used in the UK.

NICE had a referral from the Department of Health to appraise ciclosporin (Ikervis). Any recommendations can only be focused on the technology under appraisal and within the boundaries of its marketing authorisation. Therefore the availability of other formulations of ciclosporin was not considered to be an equality issue that could be addressed by the Committee because it is outside the remit of NICE technology appraisal guidance.

3. Have any other potential equality issues been identified by the Committee, and, if so, how has the Committee addressed these?

No other equality issues were identified by the Committee

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?

Not applicable

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

The summary table at the end of the appraisal consultation document states that the potential equality issue raised by the professional organisation was not considered to be an equality issue that could be addressed by the Committee because it is outside the remit of NICE technology appraisal guidance.

Approved by Associate Director (name): Frances Sutcliffe

Date: 14/05/2015

Final appraisal determination

(when an ACD issued)

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 have been raised during consultation

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?

Not applicable

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

The summary table at the end of the final appraisal determination states that the potential equality issue raised by the professional organisation before the first appraisal Committee meeting was not considered to be an equality issue that could be addressed by the Committee because it is outside the remit of NICE technology appraisal guidance.

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

Date: 22/10/2015