

**NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE  
EXCELLENCE**

**HEALTH TECHNOLOGY APPRAISAL PROGRAMME**

**Equality impact assessment – Guidance development**

**STA Tocilizumab for treating giant cell arteritis**

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?

During the scoping process, it was noted that giant cell arteritis is more common in older people. It was also noted that sight loss is a complication of giant cell arteritis, the risk of which increases in people with pre-existing conditions such as complicated diabetes or chronic infections.

The committee considered that its recommendations apply equally regardless of age and do not have a differential impact on people with conditions which pre-dispose them to sight loss.

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?

No additional equality issues were raised in the submissions, expert statements or academic report.

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

No potential 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?
N/A

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

**Approved by Associate Director:** Frances Sutcliffe

**Date:** 27/11/2017

## 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 issues were raised during the consultation period

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, the recommendations do not make it more difficult in practice for a specific group to access the technology compared with other groups.

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, there is no potential for the recommendations to have an adverse impact on people with disabilities because of something that is a consequence of the disability.

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?
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Yes, in section 3.18.
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**Approved by Associate Director (name):** Frances Sutcliffe..... ..

**Date:** 01/03/2018