

**NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE EXCELLENCE**

**TECHNOLOGY APPRAISAL PROGRAMME**

**Equality impact assessment – Scoping**

**STA Nusinersen for treating spinal muscular atrophy**

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

1. Have any potential equality issues been identified during the scoping process (draft scope consultation and scoping workshop discussion), and, if so, what are they?

Consultees noted that, because nusinersen would be provided at a limited number of specialist centres, there was the potential for issues of equity of access based on geographic location.

2. What is the preliminary view as to what extent these potential equality issues need addressing by the Committee?

Access to specialist centres is an implementation issue; it is not an equality issue to be considered by the committee, and cannot be addressed in technology appraisal guidance.

3. Has any change to the draft scope been agreed to highlight potential equality issues?

Not applicable

4. Have any additional stakeholders related to potential equality issues been identified during the scoping process, and, if so, have changes to the matrix been made?

Not applicable

**Approved by Associate Director (name):** .....Sheela Upadhyaya

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