

**NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE  
EXCELLENCE**

**HEALTH TECHNOLOGY APPRAISAL PROGRAMME**

**Equality impact assessment – Guidance development**

**STA Peginterferon beta-1a for treating relapsing–remitting  
multiple sclerosis**

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

**Final appraisal determination**

(when no ACD was issued)

1. Have the potential equality issues identified during the scoping process been addressed by the committee, and, if so, how?
N/A
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?
One expert group noted that women are more likely to be affected by MS than men, therefore it believed that if the recommendation was negative, this would affect women disproportionately. However, this is not considered an equality issue because the recommendations do not make it harder for any sex to access peginterferon beta-1a.
3. Have any other potential equality issues been identified by the committee, and, if so, how has the committee addressed these?
No

4. Do the 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 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 final appraisal determination, and, if so, where?
N/A

**Approved by Associate Director (name):** Nicole Elliott

**Date:** 17/12/2019