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SPECIALISED COMMISSIONING - CLINICAL EVIDENCE EVALUATION CRITERIA FOR CLINICAL COMMISSIONING POLICY DEVELOPMENT

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TITLE: Riociguat for Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension

CRG: Pulmonary Hypertension

NPOC: Internal Medicine Lead: Ursula Peaple

Date: 20th January 2016

The panel were presented a policy proposal for routine commissioning

Question	Conclusion of the panel	If there is a difference between the evidence review and the policy please give a commentary
 The population 1. What are the eligible and ineligible populations defined in the policy and are these consistent with populations for which evidence of effectiveness is presented in the evidence review? 	The eligible population(s) defined in the policy are the same or similar to the population(s) for which there is evidence of effectiveness considered in the evidence review	
 Population subgroups 2. Are any population subgroups defined in the policy and if so do they match the subgroups for which there is evidence presented in the evidence review? 	The population subgroups defined in the policy are the same or similar as those for which there is evidence in the evidence review	
Outcomes - benefits 3. Are the clinical benefits demonstrated in the	The clinical benefits demonstrated in the	

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evidence review consistent with the eligible population and/or subgroups presented in the policy?	evidence review support the eligible population and/or subgroups presented in the policy	
Outcomes – harms 4. Are the clinical harms demonstrated in the evidence review reflected in the eligible population and/or subgroups presented in the policy?	The clinical harms demonstrated in the evidence review are reflected in the eligible population and/or subgroups presented in the policy	
 The intervention Is the intervention described in the policy the same or similar as the intervention for which evidence is presented in the evidence review? 	The intervention described in the policy the same or similar as in the evidence review	
The comparator6. Is the comparator in the policy the same as that in the evidence review?	The comparator in the policy is the same as that in the evidence review.	
7. Are the comparators in the evidence review the most plausible comparators for patients in the English NHS and are they suitable for informing policy development.	The comparators in the evidence review include plausible comparators for patients in the English NHS and are suitable for informing policy development.	
Advice The Panel should provide advice on matters relating to the evidence base and policy development and prioritisation. Advice may cover: • Uncertainty in the evidence base • Challenges in the clinical interpretation and		The panel advised that the policy proposition, as amended, can proceed as routinely commissioned.

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Overall conclusions of the panel

The policy reflects the findings of the clinical evidence review and should progress as proposed for routine commissioning.

Report approved by:

James Palmer Chair 27 January 2016