

Membership of Hearing loss Guideline Committee

The terms of reference and standing orders for the committee can be found in [appendix D of Developing NICE guidelines: the manual](#).

The committee has 11 GC members and 6 co-optees.

Membership list

Agreed Constituency	Name	Job Title, Organisation	Comment
Chair			
	Katherine Harrop-Griffiths	Currently retired, formerly Consultant Paediatric Audiovestibular Physician, Royal National Throat Nose and Ear Hospital/ UCLH NHS Foundation Trust	
Early member			
	Kevin Munro	Professor of Audiology, University of Manchester	
Members			
	Rudrapathy Palaniappan	Consultant Physician in Audiovestibular medicine, Royal National Throat Nose and Ear Hospital/ UCLH NHS Foundation Trust	
	Ted Leverton	Retired GP	
	Linda Parton	Lay member	
	Julia Garlick	Lay member	
	Melanie Ferguson	Consultant Clinical Scientist (Audiology), Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust	
	Jane Wild	Consultant Clinical	

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		Scientist (Audiology), Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board	
	Graham Easton	GP, London	
	Richard Irving	Consultant ENT Surgeon, University Hospital Birmingham NHS Trust	
	Neil Pendleton	Professor of Medical Gerontology and Honorary Consultant in Geriatric Medicine, University of Manchester and Salford Royal NHS Foundation Trust	
Co-opted members			
	Caroline Carr	Social worker, Managing Director, Sensing Change Ipswich, Suffolk	
	Steve Connor	Consultant in Neuroradiology, King's College Hospital NHS Trust	
	Helen Gallacher	Registered Nurse, Royal National Throat Nose and Ear Hospital/ UCLH NHS Foundation Trust	
	Michael Akeroyd	Unit Director, MRC Institute of Hearing Research & Professor of Hearing Sciences, University of Nottingham, MRC Institute of Hearing Research,	

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		University of Nottingham	
	Chris Armitage	Professor of Health Psychology, University of Manchester	
	Padraig Kitterick	Associate Professor, NIHR Nottingham Biomedical Research Centre, School of Medicine, University of Nottingham	

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Declaration of Interests

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Full members				
Name	Job title, organisation	Declarations of interest, date declared	Type of interest	Decision taken
Graham Easton	General Practitioner	On application: Receives payments on a freelance basis as a presenter and contributor on health programmes for the BBC Radio Science Unit.	Personal financial non-specific	Declare and participate unless topic is specific, in which case declare and withdraw
		GC13: Appointed a curriculum editor for the RCGP in June 2017 (one of a team of editors responsible for leading and coordinating the authoring, updating and editing of the RCGP curriculum. The editors also contribute to development work on other curricula to which the RCGP gives input, such as the Foundation Programme).	Personal financial non-specific	Declare and participate
		Member of BJGP editorial board	Personal non-financial non-specific	Declare and participate
Melanie Ferguson		On application: 2011: PI for Grant award by NIHR Research for Patient Benefit	Non-personal financial non-specific	Declare and participate

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		<p>2014 – present. A small royalty (licence agreement from hearing aid distributor) for the sale of C2Hear DVD paid to employer (Nottingham University Hospital NHS Trust and University of Nottingham).</p>	<p>Non-personal financial non-specific</p>	<p>Declare and participate</p>
		<p>June 2015. Expenses paid to deliver keynote at conference. USA Hearing Rehabilitation Foundation (charity).</p>	<p>Personal financial specific</p>	<p>Declare and participate</p>
		<p>Feb 2015: Expenses paid to attend seminar on hearing loss in Denmark. Ida Institute (non-profit organisation, funded by the Oticon Foundation).</p>	<p>Personal financial specific</p>	<p>Declare and participate</p>
		<p>GC4: Lead author of the following study which is included in the Cochrane Review (Barker et al, 2014) on interventions to improve hearing aid use in adult auditory rehabilitation and which is reproduced in this guideline: Ferguson MA, Brandreth M, Leighton P, & Wharrad H. 2016. "A Randomized Controlled Trial to Evaluate the Benefits of a Multimedia Educational Programme for First-time Hearing Aid Users". <i>Ear and Hearing</i>, Mar-Apr; 27(2): 123-136.</p>	<p>Personal, non-financial, specific</p>	<p>Withdraw from decision-making and formulating recommendations</p>
		<p>Principal Investigator for study: Ferguson M, Wharrad H, Brassington W, Coulson N, Maidment D. The development and feasibility of m-health technologies to improve hearing aid use and benefit in first-time hearing aid users. NIHR Research for Patient Benefit, Sept 2016.</p>	<p>Non-personal, financial, specific</p>	<p>Declare and participate</p>
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		<p>GC6: Co-author on a registered systematic review of assistive listening devices (submitted for publication).</p> <p>Co-author on a HTA report on screening for hearing loss which included the study presented at the GC.</p> <p>GC8:</p> <p>1) Author on papers/research that might be discussed:</p> <p>a) Ferguson M, Maidment DW, Russell N, Gregory M, Nicholson NR. 2016. Motivational engagement in first-time hearing aid users: a feasibility study. <i>International Journal of Audiology</i>. 55:S23-33.</p> <p>b) Ferguson M, Woolley A., & Munro K.J. 2016. The Impact of Self-efficacy, Expectations and Readiness on Hearing Aid Outcomes. <i>International Journal of Audiology</i>; 55:S34-41.</p> <p>c) Ferguson MA, Kitterick PT, Edmondson-Jones AM, Hoare D. Hearing aids for mild to moderate hearing loss in adults (Protocol). <i>The Cochrane Collaboration</i>.</p>	<p>Personal, non-financial specific</p> <p>Personal, non-financial non-specific</p> <p>1a) Personal non-financial specific</p> <p>1b) Personal non-financial non-specific</p> <p>1c) Personal non-financial specific</p>	<p>participate</p> <p>Declare and participate</p> <p>1a declare and withdraw</p> <p>1b declare and participate</p> <p>1c declare and withdraw</p>
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		<p>2015(12):1-9.</p> <p>2) Recent grants – co-applicant Ida Institute Research grants</p> <p>a) David Maidment, Melanie Ferguson, Eithne Heffernan, Mel Gregory: Helping patients to make decisions about managing their hearing loss that are right for them</p> <p>b) Helen Henshaw, Melanie A. Ferguson, Melanie Gregory, William Brassington: How do patients with hearing loss prepare for their hearing appointments and how might this help?</p> <p>GC13:</p> <p>Chair of the British Society of Audiology Adult Rehabilitation Interest Group (Jan 2016-present)</p> <p>Member of the Ida Institute Research Committee (2015-present)</p> <p>Member of Action Plan on Hearing Loss Research and Innovation group (2016-present) and Data and Quality Assurance group (2017-present)</p> <p>Member of the American Academy of Audiology Strategic Documents Committee (Dec 17-present)</p> <p>Member of the American Academy of Audiology Honors Committee (2014-2017)</p> <p>Member of British Academy of Audiology (2003-present) and British Society of Audiology (1986-</p>	<p>2a) Non-personal financial specific</p> <p>2b) Non-personal financial specific</p> <p>Personal non-financial specific</p> <p>Personal non-financial non-specific</p> <p>Personal non-financial non-specific</p> <p>Personal non-financial non-specific</p> <p>Personal non-financial non-specific</p>	<p>2 a declare and participate</p> <p>2b declare and participate</p> <p>Declare and participate (all declarations in this row)</p>
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		present) No payment has been made for contributing to any of the above. American Speech Hearing Language Association and British Academy of Audiology– travel and expenses to attend conference (Nov 17).	Personal non-financial non-specific Personal financial – non specific	
Julia Garlick	Lay member	On application: None		
Katherine Harrop-Griffiths (Chair)	Consultant Paediatric Audiovestibular Physician, Royal National Throat, Nose & Ear Hospital, UCLH	Application: Participates in occasional medico-legal cases privately. These cases draw on current evidence and focus on causation. Lectured on the Leicester Balance Course up to October 2015 in the subject of balance disorders in children. The course was developed to train clinicians about vestibular disorders and has a strong academic component. It is non-profit making educational course organised by Biosense for, and in conjunction with, the University Hospital of Leicester ENT department. Travel, accommodation and subsistence costs were covered and no other financial benefit was received. The costs of the course are covered by the delegates without any additional sponsorship. Since taking up the chairmanship of this guideline committee KHG has withdrawn from contributing to this course.	Personal financial non-specific Personal non-financial non-specific	Declare and participate Declare and participate

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Richard Irving	Consultant ENT Surgeon	<p>On application:</p> <p>Principal Investigator for research grants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2015 NIHR i4i. A Human Feasibility study of an Implantable Middle Ear Microphone • 2016 MIO Comparison of implantable and external microphones using BKB testing The MIO is a charitable organisation. <p>President elect Royal Society of Medicine (Otology section) from 2018 (unpaid)</p> <p>President British Society of Otology (current [2016]but ends this year [2016]) (unpaid)</p>	<p>Non-personal financial non-specific</p> <p>Non-personal financial non-specific</p> <p>Personal non-financial specific</p> <p>Personal non-financial specific</p>	<p>Declare and participate</p> <p>Declare and participate</p> <p>Declare and participate</p> <p>Declare and participate</p>
William Leverton	General Practitioner	<p>On application:</p> <p>Unpaid volunteer with Action on Hearing Loss.</p>	<p>Personal non-financial non-specific</p>	<p>Declare and participate</p>
Kevin Munro (early member)	Professor of Audiology, University of Manchester	<p>On application:</p> <p>Member of the Phonak (Switzerland) paediatric advisory board since around 2004. This involves an annual 1-2 day meeting with Phonak employees (circa 4) and researchers/clinicians (circa 10) who are involved in paediatric audiology. Presents recent paediatric</p>	<p>Personal financial non specific</p>	<p>Declare and participate</p>

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		<p>research and contributes to Phonak’s clinician support plans eg. suggest conferences, research updates, summaries etc. Expenses are paid and an honorarium is received for attending and contributing. The next advisory board meeting is June 2016.</p> <p>Current research grants below (nature of involvement is providing intellectual input but not usually involved in day to day data collection).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2015-16 PI: Medical Research Council proximity to discovery industrial secondment (Implanted device with technical support from Cochlear, the main UK supplier of bone anchored hearing aids) • 2016-18 PI: Hearing device research, Marston Foundation (philanthropic donation to purchase research resources) • 2015-16 Co-I: Genetic and environmental causes of hearing loss and impact on cognitive and emotional well-being in older adults, Manchester Interdisciplinary Collaboration for Research on Ageing • 2015-16 co-PI: New automated tests for early detection of speech listening 	<p>Non-personal financial non-specific</p> <p>Non-personal financial non-specific</p> <p>Non-personal financial non-specific</p> <p>Non-personal financial</p>	<p>Declare and participate</p> <p>Declare and participate</p> <p>Declare and participate</p> <p>Declare and participate</p>
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		<p>GC9: Ferguson M, Woolley A., & Munro K.J. 2016. The Impact of Self-efficacy, Expectations and Readiness on Hearing Aid Outcomes. <i>International Journal of Audiology</i>; 55:S34-41.</p> <p>GC13: Secretary to council of The international journal of audiology and representative of British society of audiology (since 2014)</p>	<p>Personal non-financial non-specific</p> <p>Personal non-financial non-specific</p>	<p>Declare and Participate</p> <p>Declare and participate</p>
Rudrapathy Palaniappan	Consultant Physician in Audiovestibular Medicine, Royal National Throat, Nose & Ear Hospital	<p>On application:</p> <p>Has private practice and shares the premises with a hearing aid dispenser. No investment or any shareholding with the hearing aid dispenser company. However, refers patients regularly for hearing tests and hearing aid fitting to them.</p> <p>GC3:</p> <p>Teaches regularly on MSc Audiology course at UCL Ear Institute. No financial gain.</p>	<p>Personal financial non-specific</p> <p>Personal non-financial non-specific</p>	<p>Declare and participate</p> <p>Declare and participate</p>
Linda Parton	Lay member	<p>On application:</p> <p>None</p> <p>GC1:</p> <p>Unpaid Volunteer for Action on Hearing Loss</p>	<p>Personal non-financial non-</p>	<p>Declare and participate</p>

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Neil Pendleton	Professor of Medical Gerontology and Honorary Consultant in Geriatric Medicine, University of Manchester and Salford Royal NHS Foundation Trust	On application: Investigator in European Commission Horizon 2020 research programme titled SENSE-Cog-Promoting Health for Eyes, Ears and Mind which is funded between 01/01/2016 – 31/12/2020. Leads a work package which will use population representative longitudinal data from England and Europe to model the changes in cognition, vision and hearing in older adults.	Non-personal financial non-specific	Declare and participate
Jane Wild	Consultant Clinical Scientist, Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board	On application: Vice Chair of British Society of Audiology Adult Rehabilitation Interest Group Member of British Academy of Audiology Service Quality Committee Co-applicant on a number of clinical research projects in the areas of adult hearing loss and its rehabilitation being undertaken at Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board. These include the test-retest validation of a new outcome measure, a randomized controlled trial evaluating live voice auditory training and investigation of the incidence of dementia with hearing aid use in the adult population.	Personal non-financial specific Personal non-financial - specific Non-personal financial non-specific	Declare and participate Declare and participate Declare and participate

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		Co-author of a systematic review of the psychosocial barriers to successful hearing aid use in the adult population that is currently in preparation for submission for publication.	Personal non-financial specific	Declare and participate
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Co-opted members				
Name	Job title, organisation	Declarations of interest, date declared	Type of interest	Decision taken
Michael Akeroyd	Unit Director, MRC Institute of Hearing Research & Professor of Hearing Sciences, University of Nottingham	On application: Trustee & Council Member, British Society of Audiology (BSA) (unpaid). Elected as Trustee in 2013. Term ends in September 2016.	Personal non-financial specific	Declare and participate
		President, International Collegium of Rehabilitative Audiology (ICRA) until May 2017 (unpaid).	Personal non-financial specific	Declare and participate
Chris Armitage	Professor of Health Psychology, University of Manchester	On application: Current research funding includes:	Non-personal financial non-specific	Declare and participate
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> January 2016 to December 2018, funded by The Colt Foundation (Dawes PI, Armitage, Munro, Plack & Moore, University of Manchester; Ginsborg, Royal Northern College of Music), “Time to face the music: Addressing hearing health in future professional musicians” January 2016 to December 2020, European 		

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		<p>Commission Horizon 2020 (Leroi PI, Armitage & 36 others, mostly University of Manchester), “Ears, Eyes and Mind: The ‘SENSE-Cog Project’ to improve mental well-being for elderly Europeans with sensory impairment”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 2014-September 2015, Central Manchester University Hospitals Foundation Trust (Armitage PI, K Munro & M O’Driscoll, University of Manchester), “Improving auditory outcomes using health behavioural approaches” 	<p>non-specific</p>	<p>participate</p>
		<p>Supervises two PhD students who apply Health Psychology approaches to hearing health.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - One studentship is sponsored by Phonak. 	<p>Non-personal financial non-specific</p>	<p>Declare and participate</p>
		<p>Current Chair of the BPS Division of Health Psychology’s Conference Scientific Committee</p>	<p>Non-personal financial specific</p>	<p>Declare and participate</p>
		<p>Deputy Director of the Hearing Health Theme in Manchester’s £30M (University of Manchester plus Central Manchester Hospitals Foundation Trust) bid for a NIHR Biomedical Research Centre</p>	<p>Personal non-financial non-specific</p>	<p>Declare and participate</p>
		<p>Deputy Director of the Hearing Health Theme in Manchester’s £30M (University of Manchester plus Central Manchester Hospitals Foundation Trust) bid for a NIHR Biomedical Research Centre</p>	<p>Non-personal financial non-specific</p>	<p>Declare and participate</p>

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Steve Connor	Consultant in Neuroradiology, King's College Hospital NHS Trust & Honorary Consultant in Radiology, Guy's and St Thomas' Hospital NHS Trust	<p>On application:</p> <p>Lead applicant for grant: Response assessment in Head and Neck Cancer using multi-parametric MRI. Funded by Guy's and St Thomas' Charity.</p> <p>Lead applicant for grant: The accuracy of quantitative diffusion weighted MRI and 18F-FDG PET-CT in the prediction of loco-regional residual disease following radiotherapy and chemo-radiotherapy for head and neck cancer. Funded by Kodak radiology fund research Bursary.</p> <p>Given lectures on imaging of the ear (only expenses paid): London, May 2015: Royal Society of Medicine Otology division London, June 2015: London Petrous Temporal Bone course Manchester, June 2015: UK Radiology Congress Sydney, March 2016: Australian and New Zealand Society of Neuroradiology</p>	<p>Non-personal financial non-specific</p> <p>Non-personal financial non-specific</p> <p>Personal financial specific</p>	<p>Declare and participate</p> <p>Declare and participate</p> <p>Declare and participate</p>
Helen Gallacher	Staff Nurse, Royal National Throat, Nose and Ear Hospital, UCLH	<p>On application:</p> <p>None</p>		
Padraig Kitterick	Associate Professor, NIHR Nottingham Biomedical Research Centre, School of Medicine, University of Nottingham	<p>I have been in receipt of research grants and/or support in kind from manufacturers of hearing aids and cochlear implant devices.</p> <p>I was a recipient of research grants from Cochlear Europe Ltd, a manufacturer of cochlear implants, that provided part-funding to</p>	<p>Non-personal financial specific</p> <p>Non-personal financial non-specific</p>	<p>Declare and participate</p>

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		<p>conduct a multi-centre study of cochlear implantation in single-sided deafness and a feasibility study of direct acoustic cochlear implantation.</p> <p>I was a co-investigator on a feasibility study funded by the Health Foundation that was supported in kind by Cochlear Europe Ltd. through the provision of device accessories for their implant systems.</p> <p>I have also accepted the hospitality of Cochlear Europe Ltd. to attend and present research findings at scientific meetings organised as part of their post-market surveillance programme.</p> <p>My research has been supported in kind by Phonak UK, a manufacturer of hearing aids, who have provided devices for single-sided deafness patients participating in a multi-centre clinical study and also for laboratory-based work.</p> <p>I have provided training on single-sided deafness to audiologists at an event organised and funded by Phonak UK.</p>	<p>Non-personal financial non-specific</p> <p>Personal financial non-specific</p> <p>Non-personal financial specific</p> <p>Personal non-financial specific</p>	
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