NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE EXCELLENCE

Centre for Health Technology Evaluation

# Technology Appraisal Committee B meeting minutes

**Minutes:** Confirmed

**Date:** Wednesday 13th November

**Location:** Via Zoom

## Attendees

Committee members present

1. Dr Charles Crawley (Chair) Present for all items
2. Baljit Singh (Vice-chair) Present for all items
3. Anna Pracz Present for all items
4. Dr Alistair Patton Present for all items
5. Dr Andrew Makin Present for all items
6. Dr Bushra Hasnie Present for all items
7. Dr Francis Drobniewski Present for all items
8. Dr Mark Tanner Present for all items
9. Dr Rhiannon Owen Present for all items
10. Dr Stuart Williams Present for all items
11. Dr Toby Smith Present for all items
12. Dr Veline L’Esperance Present for all items
13. Dr Warren Linley Present for all items
14. Gabriel Rogers  Present for all items
15. Kemi Gibson Present for all items
16. Lisa Attrill Present for all items
17. Nigel Westwood Present for all items
18. Peter Wheatley-Price Present for all items
19. Professor David McAllister Present for all items
20. Tony Wootton Present for all items
21. Vanessa Danielson Present for all items

NICE staff (key players) present

Lorna Dunning, Associate Director Present for all items

Kate Moore, Project Manager Present for all items

Rufaro Kausi, Heath Technology Assessment Adviser Present for all items

Samuel Shaw, Heath Technology Assessment Analyst Present for all items

Mohammed Towhasir, Administrator, Technology Appraisals Present for all items

External assessment group representatives present

Xavier Armoiry, Warrick Evidence Items 1.1 to 4.1.3

Felix Achana, Warrick Evidence Items 1.1 to 4.1.3

Clinical, Patient & NHS England experts present

Professor Ruth Dobson, Clinical expert, Professor of Clinical Neurology/Honorary Consultant Neurologist - nominated by Association of British Neurologists

Items 1.1 to 4.1.3

Dr Wallace Brownlee, Clinical expert, Consultant Neurologist - nominated by Merk Group

Items 1.1 to 4.1.3

Carla King, Patient expert, Career Coach - nominated by Multiple Sclerosis Trust

Items 1.1 to 4.1.3

Claire Winchester, Patient expert, Head of Information and Engagement - nominated by Multiple Sclerosis Trust Items 1.1 to 4.1.3

*Please note that alongside the attendees listed in this document, there were additional NICE Staff present in this meeting. These attendees were not involved in the decision making or discussions.*

## Minutes

### Introduction to the meeting

* 1. The chair welcomed members of the committee and other attendees present to the meeting.
  2. The chair noted apologies from Hatim Abdulhussein and Daniel Gallacher.

### News and announcements

* 1. None.

### Minutes from the last meeting

* 1. The committee approved the minutes of the committee meeting held on Wednesday 9th October.

1. **Appraisal of Cladribine for treating relapsing multiple sclerosis ID6263**
   1. Part 1 – Open session
      1. The chair welcomed the invited experts, external assessment group representatives, members of the public and company representatives from Merk Group.
      2. The chair asked all committee members and experts, external assessment group representatives and NICE staff present to declare any relevant interests in relation to the item being considered. Declarations for this appraisal can be found on the Topic Register of Interest (TROI) on the topic webpage, [here](https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/indevelopment/gid-ta11293).
      3. The Chair led a discussion of the evidence presented to the committee. This information was presented to the committee by Nigel Westwood (lay), Alistair Patton (clinical) and Rhiannon Owen (cost).
   2. Part – Closed session (company representatives, professional experts, external assessment group representatives and members of the public were asked to leave the meeting)
      1. The committee then agreed on the content of the Draft Guidance (DG) or Final Draft Guidance (FDG). The committee decision was reached through a vote by members.
      2. The committee asked the NICE technical team to prepare the Draft Guidance (DG) or Final Draft Guidance (FDG) in line with their decisions.

* Further updates will be available on the topic webpage in due course: <https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/indevelopment/gid-ta11293>.

### Date of the next meeting

The next meeting of the Technology Appraisal Committee B will be held on Thursday 12th December and will start promptly at 9am.