

Fertility problems committee meeting 11

Date: 17/01/2024

Location: Virtual via Zoom

Minutes: Final

Committee members present:	
Fergus Macbeth	Present for notes 1-6
Raj Mathur	Present for notes 1-6
Nicky Hudson	Present for notes 1-6
Kate Brian	Present for notes 1-6
Jason Kasraie	Present for notes 1-6
Ciaran Hannington	Present for notes 2-6
Maj Shabbir	Present for notes 1-6
Stuart Lavery	Present for notes 1-6
Guy Morris	Present for notes 1-6
Allan Pacey	Present for notes 1-6
Yasmin Rahman	Present for notes 1-6
Kevin McEleny	Present for notes 1-6
Francesca Steyn	Present for notes 1-6
Peter Taylor	Present for notes 1-6

In attendance:		
Maija Kallioinen	Guideline Lead	Present for notes 1-6
Esther Clifford	Project Manager	Present for notes 1-6
Odette Megnin-Viggars	Senior Systematic Reviewer	Present for notes 1-6
Laura Berg	Systematic Reviewer	Present for notes 1-5
Ceri Williams	Information Scientist	Present for notes 3-6
Rachel Connolly	Systematic Reviewer	Present for notes 1-6
Rebecca Blackburn	Systematic Reviewer	Present for notes 1-6
Paul Jacklin	Senior Health Economist	Present for notes 1-6
Agnesa Mehmeti	Systematic Reviewer	Present for notes 1-6
Aye Paing	Systematic Reviewer	Present for notes 1-6
Clifford Middleton	Commissioning Manager	Present for notes 1-4
Philip Williams	Resource Impact Business Analyst	Present for notes 1-6
Rachel Cutting	HFEA Adviser	Present for notes 1-6

Apologies	
Bethan Shoemark-Spear	GC member
Stephen Murphy	NICE Clinical Adviser

1. Welcome and objectives for the meeting

The Chair welcomed the committee members and attendees to the 11th meeting of the fertility guideline update.

The Chair informed the committee that apologies had been received as noted above.

The Chair outlined the objectives of the meeting which included looking at review questions and protocols.

2. Confirmation of matter under discussion, and declarations of interest

The Chair confirmed that, for the purpose of managing conflicts of interest, the matter under discussion was fertility problems.

The Chair asked everyone to verbally declare any interests that had arisen since the last meeting. Three new interests were declared:

Name	Job title, organisation	Declarations of Interest, date declared	Type of interest	Decision taken
Kate Brian	GC member	Unpaid work for a newly registered charity The Fertility Alliance. The charity will be focused on providing support and evidence-based information about fertility. Declared 11.01.2024	Non-financial professional and person interest	Non-specific Declare and participate. Rationale: Working for a charity is not a conflict with the development of the guideline.
Francesca Steyn	GC member	Invited to sit on the advisory board of a new UK fertility charity – the Fertility Alliance	Non-financial professional and person interest	Non-specific Declare and participate. Rationale: Working for a charity is not a conflict with the development of the guideline.
Raj Mathur	GC early member	Invited to sit on the advisory board of a new UK fertility charity – the Fertility Alliance	Non-financial professional and person interest	Non-specific Declare and participate. Rationale: Working for a charity is not a conflict with the development of the guideline.
Nicky Hudson	GC member	Invited to sit on the advisory board of a new UK fertility charity – the Fertility Alliance	Non-financial professional and person interest	Non-specific Declare and participate. Rationale: Working for a charity is not a conflict with the development of the guideline.
Kevin McEleny	GC member	Chair, British Fertility Society (stood down as Secretary on appointment)	Non-financial professional and person interest	Non-specific Declare and participate. Rationale: Involvement in professional society is not a conflict with development of the guideline.

3. Minutes of last meeting
The committee confirmed they were happy with the minutes from the 10 th committee meeting.
4. Presentations
<p>The Chair introduced Maija Kallioinen, Guideline Lead and Rachel Connolly, Systematic Reviewer, who led discussion around treatment add-ons.</p> <p>The Chair introduced Laura Berg, Systematic Reviewer, who presented RQ 2.2.3a evidence report: What is the clinical and cost effectiveness of tubal surgery (as a standalone treatment) compared to expectant management or in vitro fertilisation (IVF) for fertility problems associated with tubal disease?</p> <p>The Chair introduced Laura Berg, Systematic Reviewer, who presented RQ 2.2.3b evidence report: What is the clinical and cost effectiveness of surgery for hydrosalpinges prior to assisted reproductive technology (ART), relative to standard ART without prior surgical optimisation, for people with tubal disease?</p> <p>The Chair introduced Maija Kallioinen, Guideline Lead, who led on guideline edits.</p>
5. Questions and discussion
<p>The committee discussed the evidence on treatment add-ons and agreed on draft recommendations.</p> <p>The committee discussed the evidence for RQ 2.2.3a and agreed on draft recommendations.</p> <p>The committee discussed the evidence for RQ 2.2.3b and agreed on draft recommendations.</p> <p>The committee discussed the edits to be made to the draft recommendations.</p>
6. Any other business
The Chair closed the meeting at 14:00 and reminded the committee that the next meeting will be held virtually on Zoom.

Date of next meeting: 21 March 2024

Location of next meeting: Via Zoom