

Fertility problems guideline committee meeting 13

Date: 23/05/2024

Location: Wandle Meeting Room, 2nd Floor, 2 Redman Place, Stratford, London. E20 1JQ. Also, virtual attendance via Zoom.

Minutes: Final

Committee members present:	
Fergus Macbeth (in person)	Present for notes 1-6
Raj Mathur (in person)	Present for notes 1-6
Nicky Hudson (in person)	Present for notes 1-6
Kate Brian (in person)	Present for notes 1-6
Jason Kasraie (in person)	Present for notes 1-6
Ciaran Hannington (in person)	Present for notes 1-6
Stuart Lavery (in person)	Present for notes 1-6
Kevin McEleny (via Zoom)	Present for notes 1-6
Maj Shabbir (in person)	Present for notes 4-5
Guy Morris (in person)	Present for notes 1-6
Allan Pacey (in person)	Present for notes 1-6
Yasmin Rahman (in person)	Present for notes 1-6
Bethan Shoemark-Spear (via Zoom)	Present for notes 1-6
Francesca Steyn (via Zoom)	Present for notes 1-6
Peter Taylor (in person)	Present for notes 1-6

In attendance:		
Maija Kallioinen (in person)	Guideline Lead	Present for notes 1-6
Esther Clifford (in person)	Project Manager	Present for notes 1-6
Odette Megnin-Viggars (in person)	Senior Systematic Reviewer	Present for notes 1-6
Laura Berg (via Zoom)	Systematic Reviewer	Present for notes 1-6
Rachel Connolly (in person)	Systematic Reviewer	Present for notes 1-6
Paul Jacklin (via Zoom)	Senior Health Economist	Present for notes 1-6
Georgina Winney (in person)	Business Administrator	Present for notes 1-6
Clifford Middleton (Via Zoom)	Commissioning Manager	Present for notes 1-6
Philip Williams (via Zoom)	Resource Impact Business Analyst	Present for notes 1-6
Rachel Cutting (in person)	HFEA Adviser	Present for notes 1-6
Nicky Welton (Via Zoom)	NICE Technical Support Unit, University of Bristol	Present for notes 1-6
Beatrice Downing (Via Zoom)	NICE Technical Support Unit, University of Bristol	Present for notes 1-6

Apologies	
Stephen Murphy	Clinical Adviser

1. Welcome and objectives for the meeting				
<p>The Chair welcomed the committee members and attendees to the 13th meeting of the fertility guideline update. The Chair ran through some housekeeping for attendance at an in-person GC meeting.</p> <p>The Chair informed the committee that apologies had been received as noted above.</p> <p>The Chair outlined the objectives of the meeting which included looking at review questions and revisiting previous evidence reports.</p>				
2. Confirmation of matter under discussion, and declarations of interest				
<p>The Chair confirmed that, for the purpose of managing conflicts of interest, the matter under discussion was fertility problems.</p> <p>The Chair asked everyone to verbally declare any interests that had arisen since the last meeting. New interests were declared:</p>				
Name	Job title, organisation	Declarations of Interest, date declared	Type of interest	Decision taken
Fergus Macbeth	Chair	No longer employed as part time health professional vaccinator.	Financial interest	Non-specific Declare and participate. Rationale: Interest ceased.
Allan Pacey	GC member	Patron, The Fertility Alliance (Charity Number 1206323) from April 2024. Declared 17.05.2024	Non-financial professional interest	Non-specific Declare and participate. Rationale: Involvement in a charity organisation is not a conflict with a development of this guideline.
Allan Pacey	GC member	Lecture to be delivered for IBSA Institut Biochimique SA (April 2024). Declared 17.05.2024	Indirect interest	Specific Declare and participate. Rationale: Member did not receive any payment personally.
Francesca Steyn	GC member	Started new role: Clinical Services Manager at Wales Fertility Institute, NHS licensed fertility clinic in Wales (13 th May 2024).	Financial interest	Non-specific Declare and participate. Rationale: Salaried employment in the health sector.
Kate Brian	GC member	TBC	TBC	TBC
Raj Mathur	GC member	No longer an adviser to the Scientific and Clinical Advances Advisory Committee of the HFEA (Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority).	Non-financial professional interest	Non-specific Declare and participate. Rationale: Interest ceased.

Raj Mathur	GC member	No longer an adviser to Fertility Network UK, which is the national patient organisation. The organisation provides a range of support and resources for patients and supports fairness in NHS funding of fertility treatment.	Non-financial professional interest	Non-specific Declare and participate. Rationale: Interest ceased.
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3. Minutes of last meeting

The committee discussed the minutes of the last meeting and made a small adjustment to a grammatical error.

4. Morning presentations and discussions

The Chair introduced Paul Jacklin, Senior Health Economist who along with Nicky Welton and Beatrice Downing from the NICE Technical Support Unit, University of Bristol presented the network meta-analysis for RQ 3.2.1 / 3.3.1 What is the clinical and cost effectiveness of ovarian stimulation, intrauterine insemination (IUI) with or without ovarian stimulation, IVF with or without intracytoplasmic sperm injection (ICSI) and expectant management for people with unexplained health-related fertility problems, mild endometriosis, and people with a single abnormal semen parameter?. The Chair then introduced Odette Megnin-Viggars, Senior Systematic Reviewer who presented the pairwise analysis results for the same review question.

The committee discussed the network meta-analysis primary outcomes and the pairwise analysis results (secondary outcomes) for these review questions.

The Chair introduced Paul Jacklin, Senior Health Economist who presented the plans for the economic model for the same review question 3.2.1 and 3.3.1. The committee discussed the economic model plans.

5. Afternoon presentations and discussions

The Chair introduced Odette Megnin-Viggars, Senior Systematic Reviewer who presented the evidence report for RQ 2.2.3c: what is the likelihood of spontaneous conception associated with selective salpingography with tubal catheterisation or hysteroscopic tubal cannulation, for the evaluation and treatment of proximal tubal obstruction? The committee discussed the evidence and agreed draft recommendations.

The Chair introduced Maija Kallioinen, Guideline Lead who led on a discussion about literature search re-runs. The committee discussed the need for literature search re-runs and agreed which should be undertaken.

The Chair introduced Maija Kallioinen, Guideline Lead, who led the discussion on a re-visit of RQ 2.1.1: What is the association between markers of ovarian reserve and: the likelihood of spontaneous conception, the response to fertility treatment, and the outcome of fertility treatment? The committee discussed the RQ 2.1.1 and agreed some changes to the draft recommendations.

The Chair introduced Odette Megnin-Viggars, Senior Systematic Reviewer who presented on a re-visit of RQ 2.1.2: What is the clinical and cost effectiveness of treating subclinical hypothyroidism for female factor fertility problems? The committee discussed RQ 2.1.2 and agreed on draft recommendations.

6. Any other business

The Chair closed the meeting at 16:03.

Date of next meeting: 15th July 2024

Location of next meeting: Via Zoom.