

Fertility problems committee meeting 5

Date: 02/05/2023

Location: Virtual via Zoom

Minutes: Final

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

In attendance:		
Hilary Eadon	Guideline Lead	Present for notes 1-6
Josh South	Senior Project Manager	Present for notes 1-6
Rachel Connolly	Systematic Reviewer	Present for notes 1-6
Katriona O'Donoghue	Systematic Reviewer	Present for notes 1-6
Odette Megnin-Viggars	Senior Systematic Reviewer	Present for notes 1-6
Paul Jacklin	Senior Health Economist	Present for notes 1-6
Liz Pearton	Information Scientist	Present for notes 4-6
Clifford Middleton	Commissioning Manager	Present for notes 1-6
Sarah Palombella	Editor	Present for notes 1-6

Philip Williams	Resource Impact Lead	Present for notes 1-6
Stephen Murphy	Clinical Advisor	Present for notes 1-5
Rachel Cutting	HFEA observer	Present for notes 5-6
Esther Clifford	Project Manager (observer)	Present for notes 1-6

Apologies:

Bethan Shoemark-Spear	Lay member
Francesca Steyn	GC member

1. Welcome and objectives for the meeting

The Chair welcomed the Committee members and attendees to the 5th meeting of the Fertility guideline. The Committee members and attendees introduced themselves.

The Chair gave a reminder of housekeeping rules for a virtual meeting.

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. New declarations of interest are noted below:

Name	Job title, organisation	Declarations of Interest, date declared	Type of interest	Decision taken
Professor Nicky Hudson	GC Member – Academic in the field of assistive reproductive technology, Professor in Medical Sociology – De Montfort University	Participated in a review of the scope of a Priority Research and Equipment Programme (PEPR) on “Women’s Health and Couples Health” by the French government (Agence Nationale de la	Direct Financial	Declare and participate

		Recherche/French National Research Agency (ANR)) as a member of the Scientific and Technological Committee (CSTP) that will be in charge of orienting and evaluating the actions. There was an honorarium for this stage of the review.		
Professor Nicky Hudson	GC Member – Academic in the field of assistive reproductive technology, Professor in Medical Sociology – De Montfort University	Giving a talk on Women’s Health at the GMC on May 9 th . Declared 26/04/2023	Direct Financial	Declare and participate

3. Minutes of last meeting

The committee confirmed they were happy with the minutes from the 4th committee meeting.

4. Presentations

The Chair introduced Rachel Connolly, Systematic Reviewer, who presented the evidence report for RQ 2.1.2 *‘What is the effectiveness of treating subclinical hypothyroidism in female factor fertility problems?’*

The Chair introduced Katriona O’Donoghue, Systematic Reviewer, who presented the evidence report for RQ 1.2.3: *‘What is the clinical and cost effectiveness of surgical interventions for fertility problems associated with obstructive azoospermia?’*

The Chair introduced Rachel Connolly, Systematic Reviewer, who presented the draft protocol for RQ 1.2.2: *‘What is the effectiveness of treatments for ejaculatory failure?’*

The Chair introduced Rachel Connolly, Systematic Reviewer, who presented RQ 1.3.1 protocol: *‘What is the effectiveness of surgical sperm retrieval (SSR) techniques in males with non obstructive azoospermia, obstructive azoospermia?’*

The Chair introduced Odette Megnin-Viggars, Senior Systematic Reviewer, who presented RQ 2.2.1 protocol: *‘What is the effectiveness of ovulation induction strategies in women with ovulation disorders (WHO groups I, II, III)?’*

5. Questions and discussion

The committee discussed the evidence report for question 2.1.2 and agreed on draft

recommendations.

The committee discussed the evidence for RQ 1.2.3 and agreed on draft recommendations.

The committee discussed the protocols for RQ 1.2.2, RQ 1.3.1 and RQ 2.2.1 and agreed on population characteristics and potential separate groups or likely subgroups as well of details of relevant interventions and what they would be compared to, as well as measures to indicate effectiveness.

6. Any other business

The Chair closed the meeting at 17:00 and reminded the committee that the next meeting will be held virtually on Zoom.

Date of next meeting: 12th June 2023

Location of next meeting: Via Zoom