

Women’s and Reproductive Health Guidelines Update Committee Meeting 35

Date: 6 March 2023

Location Virtual via Microsoft Teams

Minutes: Confirmed

Committee members present:	
Sarah Fishburn (Chair)	Present for notes 1 – 9
Maggie Blott (Topic Advisor)	Present for notes 3 – 9
Maria Clark	Present for notes 3 – 9
Sarah Griffiths	Present for notes 1 – 9
Chimwemwe Kalumbi	Present for notes 3 – 9
Alena Chong	Present for notes 6 – 9
Bryony Kendall	Present for notes 1 – 9
Frances Rivers	Present for notes 1 – 9
Sophie McAllister	Present for notes 3 – 9
Sophie House	Present for notes 1 – 9
Ashifa Trivedi	Present for notes 3 – 9
Neelam Potdar	Present for notes 3 – 6
Munira Oza	Present for notes 3 – 6
Ingrid Granne	Present for notes 1 – 6

In attendance:		
Hilary Eadon	NICE Guideline Lead	Present for notes 1 – 9
Mike Maresh	NICE Clinical Advisor	Present for notes 3 – 7
Hayley Shaw	NICE Project Manager	Present for notes 1 – 9
Sharangini Rajesh	NICE Senior Technical Analyst	Present for notes 1 – 9
Agnesa Mehmeti	NICE Systematic Reviewer	Present for notes 1 – 9
Rebecca Blackburn	NICE Technical Analyst	Present for notes 1 – 9
Paul Jacklin	NICE Senior Health Economist	Present for notes 1 – 9
Stephanie Arnold	NICE Information Scientist	Present for notes 1 – 9
Catherine Baden Daintree	NICE Senior Medical Editor	Present for notes 1 – 9
Gareth Haman	NICE Senior Medical Editor	Present for notes 1 – 9
Clifford Middleton	NICE Guideline Commissioning Manager	Present for notes 1 – 9

Emma Chambers	Public Involvement Advisor	Present for notes 1 – 3
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Apologies:	
Aung Soe	GC Member
Cornelia Wiesender	GC Member
Rachel Small	GC Member
Hannah Tebbs	NICE Technical Analyst (Economist)
Benjamin Gregory	NICE Business Analyst

1. Welcome and objectives for the meeting.

The chair welcomed new members of the committee and led introductions.

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

The Chair, Hilary Eadon, Guideline Lead, and Emma Chambers, Public Involvement Advisor, gave an overview of the NICE team, their roles and responsibilities and public involvement with NICE guidelines, with a short question and answer session for new committee members.

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

The Chair confirmed that, for the purpose of managing conflicts of interest, the matters under discussion were women’s and reproductive health.

The Chair asked everyone to verbally declare any interests that have risen since the last meeting. New interests were declared and noted below.

Name	Role	Type of interest	Description of interest	Relevant dates			Comments
				Interest arose	Interest declared	Interest ceased	
Bryony Kendall	Committee Member	Direct, financial	Salaried GP at Aintree Park Group Practice	January 2022	16.03.2023	August 2022	Declare and participate. Rationale: Salaried employment in the NHS. Non-specific interest.
Bryony Kendall	Committee Member	Direct, financial	Locum GP at Aintree Park Group Practice	August 2022	16.03.2023	Ongoing	Declare and participate. Rationale: Paid locum employment in the NHS. Non-specific interest.

Bryony Kendall	Committee Member	Direct, non-financial personal and professional	Workshop presenter at NHSE Start with People conference	30.03.2023	27.03.2023	30.03.2023	Declare and participate. Agreed by: GL March 2023 Rationale: Not specific to guideline
Munira Oza	Lay member	Direct, personal and professional	AEPU, committee member	November 2022	06/03/2023	Ongoing	Declare and participate Rationale: Not specific to guideline.
Munira Oza	Lay member	Direct, personal and professional	EPT (of which I am director) is core participant in COVID enquiry, Module 3 (healthcare)	February 2023	06/03/2023	Ongoing	Declare and participate Rationale: Not specific to guideline.
Munira Oza	Lay member	Direct, personal and professional	Co-authored core outcome set for ectopic pregnancy	February 2023	06/03/2023	Ongoing	Declare and participate Rationale: Core outcome set is a useful tool used in the development of NICE review protocols and so this is not a conflict with the development of the guideline.
Sarah Griffiths	Committee Member	Direct, financial	I undertake private anaesthetic practice as a sole provider. This is mainly anaesthesia for gynaecology surgery (including women having surgery to treat endometriosis). Occasionally, my private practice includes anaesthesia for other surgical subspecialties. I do not undertake any private obstetric anaesthesia practice at all.	October 2020	21/03/2023	Ongoing	Declare and participate. If member is involved in endometriosis committee then may have to withdraw from making recommendations on endometriosis topics. Rationale: Private practice in an area specific to the guideline may be a conflict if there is a potential for the recommendations to impact on income from private practice.
Sarah Griffiths	Committee Member	Direct, non-financial personal	I am a Director and Trustee of the Obstetric Anaesthetists'	26/06/2021	06/09/2021 Further text added	Ongoing	Declare and participate Rationale: Not

		and professional	Association (OAA) and a member of the executive committee. As part of this work, I am a member of the OAA Guidelines Subcommittee and the OAA research and grants subcommittee. On the latter subcommittee, I am periodically asked to participate in marking grant applications for OAA funding for research/projects. I do not have sole responsibility for decisions on OAA funding - other members of the OAA executive committee are involved in the marking process and an overall decision on funding for particular projects is then made by the OAA research and grants subcommittee chair. This is a non-paid role.		on 21/03/2023		specific to guideline
Sarah Fishburn	Chair	Direct, non-financial personal and professional	Attended event at 10 Downing St for women entrepreneurs and leaders	08/03/2023	29/03/2023	08/03/2023	Declare and participate Agreed by: GL March 2023 Rationale: Not specific to guideline.
Neelam Potdar	Topic Lead	Direct, non-financial personal and professional	Co-author of RCOG GTG on Ectopic pregnancy	November 2019	06/03/2023	Ongoing	Declare and participate Agreed by: GL March 2023 Rationale: Specific to update of NICE ectopic pregnancy guideline – knowledge of

							GTG recommendations on ectopic pregnancy will be helpful to aid synergy between the two sets of guidelines, but NICE guidelines will be based on evidence reviewed by NICE and agreed by the committee.
Neelam Potdar	Topic Lead	Direct, non-financial personal and professional	Clinical Lead for Leicester Fertility Centre, NHS Trust (both NHS and private patient care)	February 2020	06/03/2023	Ongoing	Declare and participate Agreed by: GL March 2023 Rationale: Not specific to guideline as fertility not within scope of updates to NICE guidelines carried out by this committee.
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Maria Clark	Lay member	Direct, financial	Patient Safety Partner NHS England	Autumn 2022	06/03/2023	Ongoing	Declare and participate Agreed by: GL March 2023 Rationale: Not specific to guideline

<p>3. Welcome for existing members of the committee</p>
<p>The Chair welcomed the committee members and attendees to the 35th meeting of the Women’s and Reproductive Health Suite committee. The chair led introductions of new members to the current committee.</p>
<p>4. Confirmation of matter under discussion, and declarations of interest</p>
<p>The Chair confirmed that, for the purpose of managing conflicts of interest, the matter under discussion was caesarean birth.</p>
<p>5. Minutes of last meeting</p>
<p>The Chair asked the committee to confirm the minutes of the last meeting, and the committee confirmed that no changes were required.</p>
<p>6. Morning presentations</p>
<p>The Chair introduced Hilary Eadon, Guideline Lead who gave an overview of the suite work, including topics to be covered and the changes to work processes.</p> <p>Hilary Eadon, Guideline Lead led a discussion on an editorial update on maternal request for caesarean birth.</p>
<p>7. Afternoon presentations</p>
<p>The Chair introduced Sharangini Rajesh, Senior Systematic Reviewer, who presented the draft protocol for CB4a: ‘What is the accuracy of imaging techniques (colour-flow ultrasound and MRI) for diagnosis of a morbidly adherent placenta in pregnant women who have had a previous CB and are currently diagnosed with placenta praevia?’</p> <p>The Chair introduced Sharangini Rajesh, Senior Systematic Reviewer, who presented the draft protocol for CB4b: ‘Does a diagnosis of morbidly adherent placenta using imaging techniques lead to improved outcomes in pregnant women with a previous CB currently diagnosed with placenta praevia?’</p> <p>The Chair introduced Paul Jacklin, Senior Health Economist who led a discussion on the need for health economic work for protocol CB4a.</p> <p>The Chair introduced Becky Blackburn, Systematic Reviewer, who presented the protocol for CB3: ‘What is the most effective technique for the abdominal opening and subsequent extension of tissue layers in caesarean birth, including in overweight and obese women?’</p>
<p>8. Questions and discussions</p>
<p>The committee discussed maternal request for caesarean birth and made amendments to recommendations.</p>

The committee discussed and agreed the protocols for CB4a and CB4b.

The committee discussed the health economic work for CB4a and agreed on the extent and nature of the work to be undertaken.

The committee discussed and agreed the protocol for CB3.

9. Any other business

The meeting was closed at 16:45

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 3rd May and Tuesday 9th May (split 2-day meeting).

Location of next meeting: Virtual via Microsoft Teams