

Myalgic encephalomyelitis (or encephalopathy)/Chronic fatigue syndrome (ME/CFS) Committee meeting 13

Date: 17/03/2020

Location: Video-conference

Minutes: Final

Committee members present:		
Peter Barry (Chair)		(Present for notes 1 – 4)
Iloria Finlay (Vice-chair)		(Present for notes 1 – 4)
Theo Anbu		(Present for notes 1 – 4)
Joanne Bond-Kendall		(Present for notes 1 – 4)
Saran Bonser		(Present for notes 1 – 4)
Sally Burch		(Present for notes 1 – 4)
Chris Burton		(Present for notes 1 – 4)
Tony Crouch		(Present for notes 2 – 4)
Jo Daniels		(Present for notes 1 – 4)
Dorinda Jack		(Present for notes 1 – 4)
Nicola Kidby		(Present for notes 1 – 4)
Caroline Kingdon		(Present for notes 1 – 4)
Adam Lowe		(Present for notes 1 – 4)
Jennifer McIntosh		(Present for notes 1 – 4)
Alan Stanton		(Present for notes 1 – 4)
Susan Watson		(Present for notes 3 – 4)
William Weir		(Present for notes 3 – 4)
Charles Shepherd (co-optee)		(Present for notes 1 – 4)

In attendance:		
Kate Ashmore	NGC Project Manager	(Present for notes 1 – 4)
Kate Kelley	NGC Guideline Lead	(Present for notes 1 – 4)
Maria Smyth	NGC Senior Research Fellow	(Present for notes 1 – 4)
Karin VanBart	NGC Research Fellow	(Present for notes 1 – 4)
Melina Vasileiou	NGC Research Fellow	(Present for notes 1 – 4)
David Wonderling	NGC Head of Health	(Present for notes 1 – 4)

	Economics	
Rupert Franklin	NICE Senior Guideline Commissioning Manager	(Present for notes 1 – 4)
Sarah Catchpole	Senior Medical Editor, NICE	(Present for notes 1 – 3)

Apologies:		
Michael Beadsworth	Consultant in Infectious Diseases, Clinical Director Specialist and Academic Medicine, Clinical Lead CFS/ME Regional Services, Royal Liverpool University Hospital	
Gabrielle Murphy	Clinical Lead, Fatigue Service, Royal Free London NHS Foundation Trust	

1. Welcome and objectives for the meeting
<p>The Chair welcomed the Committee members and attendees to the thirteenth meeting of the ME/CFS guideline.</p> <p>The Chair informed the Committee that apologies had been received. These are noted above.</p> <p>The Chair explained that the meeting was taking place virtually with an amended agenda due to COVID-19.</p>
2. Confirmation of matter under discussion, and declarations of interest
<p>The Chair asked everyone to verbally declare any interests that have arisen since the last meeting. There were no new declarations.</p> <p>The Chair and a senior member of the Developer's team noted that previous interests declared did not prevent the attendees from fully participating in the meeting.</p>
3. Presentations, questions and discussion
<p>a) The committee reviewed and amended draft recommendations on accessing services, providing information for people with ME/CFS and suspecting ME/CFS.</p>
4. Any other business
None.