

Myalgic encephalomyelitis (or encephalopathy)/Chronic fatigue syndrome (ME/CFS) Committee meeting 20

Date: 14/08/2020
Location: Video-conference
Minutes: Final

Committee members present:	
Peter Barry (Chair)	(Present for notes 1 – 4)
Ilora Finlay (Vice-chair)	(Present for notes 1 – 4)
Theo Anbu	(Present for notes 1 – 4)
Michael Beadsworth	(Present for notes 1 – beginning of 3a)
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 1 – 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)
Gabrielle Murphy	(Present for notes 1 – 4 but stepped out for discussions on activity management)
Alan Stanton	(Present for notes 1 – beginning of 3a)
Susan Watson	(Present for notes 1 – 4)
William Weir	(Present for notes 1 – 4)
Charles Shepherd (co-optee)	(Present for notes 1 – 4 but stepped out for discussions on activity management)

In attendance:		
Kate Ashmore	NGC Project Manager	(Present for notes 1 – 4)
Richard Clubbe	NGC Research Fellow	(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 Economics	(Present for notes 1 – 4)
Rupert Franklin	NICE Senior Guideline Commissioning Manager	(Present for notes 1 – 4)
Anne Louise Clayton	NICE Editor	(Present for notes 1 – 4)

Apologies:	
Luis Nacul	GP

1. Welcome and objectives for the meeting			
<p>The Chair welcomed the Committee members and attendees to the twentieth meeting of the ME/CFS guideline.</p> <p>The Chair informed the Committee that apologies had been received for this meeting. These are noted above.</p>			
2. Declarations of interest			
<p>The Chair asked everyone to verbally declare any interests that have arisen since the last meeting.</p>			
Name	Job title, organisation	Declarations of Interest	Decision taken
Charles Shepherd	Honorary Medical adviser, ME Association	Invite from the Dept of Health to join a post hospital COVID-19 research group in relation to my involvement with people who have post COVID fatigue, post COVID fatigue syndromes	No action other than the process of open declaration

		and post COVID ME/CFS. Publication of the 2020 edition of the MEA purple book (ME/CFS/PVFS – An Exploration of the Key Clinical Issues) which contains the MEA position on clinical assessment, diagnosis and differential diagnosis, and all aspects of management of ME/CFS.	No action other than the process of open declaration
The Chair and a senior member of the Developer’s team noted that previous interests declared meant that Charles Shepherd and Gabrielle Murphy would step out for discussions on activity management.			
3. Presentations, questions and discussion			
a) The committee reviewed and discussed the final recommendations.			
4. Any other business			
None.			

Date of next meeting: 19/01/2021 & 20/01/2021