

Epilepsies guideline Committee meeting

Date: 26/01/2021

Location: Virtual Meeting: Zoom platform

Minutes: Final

Committee members present:		
Stephen Ward (Chair)		(Present for notes 1 – 8)
Arjune Sen (Topic adviser)		(Present for notes 1 – 8)
Archana Desurkar		(Present for notes 1 – 8)
Gabriella Rands		(Present for notes 5 – 8)
Janine Winterbottom		(Present for notes 1 – 8)
Jon Mark Dickson		(Present for notes 1 – 8)
Lauren Anderson		(Present for notes 1 – 8)
Lisa O'Brien		(Present for notes 1 – 8)
Philip Smith		(Present for notes 1 – 8)
Rohit Shankar		(Present for notes 1 – 8)
Sallie Baxendale		(Present for notes 1 – 8)
Sally Gomersall		(Present for notes 1 – 8)
Trudy Thomas		(Present for notes 1 – part of 5)

In attendance:		
Alexandra Bonnon	Health economist	(Present for notes 1 – 8)
Gill Ritchie	Guideline Lead	(Present for notes 1 – 8)
Kevin Galbraith	Reviewer	(Present for notes 1 – 8)
Mark Perry	Senior Reviewer	(Present for notes 1 – 8)
Qudsia Malik	Senior Reviewer	(Present for notes 1 – 8)
Tamara Diaz	Project Manager	(Present for notes 1 – 8)
Vimal Bedia	Reviewer	(Present for notes 1 – 8)
Catharine Baden Daintree	NICE Medical Editor	(Present for notes 1 – 8)
Angie Pullen	NGA Lay member	(Present for notes 1 – 8)
Helen Cross	NGA Topic Advisor	(Present for notes 1 – 4 and part of 5)

Apologies:

Caroline Keir

NICE Guideline Commissioning Manager

Christina Petropoulos

Paediatrician

1. Welcome and objectives for the meeting

The Chair welcomed Committee members and attendees to the sixteenth meeting on Epilepsies. The Committee members and attendees introduced themselves.

The Chair informed the Committee that apologies had been received. These are noted above.

The Chair outlined the objectives of the meeting, which included:

- A presentation on the recommendations drafted by the National Guideline Alliance Epilepsy group on anti-seizure medication.
- Reviewing the linking evidence for discussions documents for the following reviews:
 - Transition from paediatric to adult services
 - Patient information and support
 - Psychological treatments
- Presentation of the evidence review on the most accurate tools for predicting a further seizure, in people who have had a single seizure.
- Agreeing on the review protocol on prevalence of psychological disorders

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 anti-seizure medication, patient information and support, transition from paediatric services, psychological treatments, tools for predicting seizures and prevalence of psychological disorders.

The Chair asked everyone to verbally declare any interests that have arisen since the last meeting.

Name	Job title, organisation	Declarations of Interest, date declared	Type of interest	Decision taken
Phil Smith	Neurologist	Invited review on 'Initial Management of Seizure' for the New England Journal of Medicine 2021	Direct Non-financial	Declare and participate
		Author on the SANAD trial which has input into the NGA anti-seizure medication NMA work	Direct Non-financial	The day's presentation is for information purposes only and there is no discussion of the evidence or editing of recommendations. Declare and participate
Rohit Shankar	Learning disabilities psychiatrist	Publication: Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy (SUDEP) and seizure safety: modifiable and non-modifiable risk factors differences between primary and secondary care Epilepsy & Behaviour	Direct Non-financial	keep under review for question 8.1 risk factors for epilepsy related mortality.
		British Paediatric Neurologist annual conference - Chair of session and speaker talk on "Epilepsy in people with Developmental disability" - GW pharma sponsored. Honorarium payment made to research budget Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust	Indirect financial	Declare and participate
		Speaker at RCGP – Intellectual Disability special interest group - ID and epilepsy. Honorarium payment made to research budget Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation	Indirect financial	Declare and participate

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		Speaker at London Intellectual Disability Faculty - Personalised medicine in epilepsy and I D. Honorarium payment made to research budget Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust	Indirect financial	Declare and participate
		Royal Society of Medicine - organiser and speaker for "Step Together" launch - event sponsored by GW pharma. Honorarium payment made to research budget Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust	Indirect financial	Declare and participate
		Gave talk on Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy - podcast - Averelle sponsored. Honorarium payment made to research budget Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust	Indirect financial	Declare and participate
		Oxford Intellectual Disability epilepsy talk - Quality Improvement in the management of people with epilepsy (PWE) & ID – an evidence based approach – Eisai. Honorarium payment made to research budget Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust	Indirect financial	Declare and participate
		Speaker at conference - Lacosamide in the general population and in people with	Indirect financial	Declare and participate

		intellectual disability: Similar responses? - UCB sponsored. Honorarium payment made to research budget Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust		
		I was sponsored for the American Epilepsy Society 4-8 December 2020 virtual conference fees in December by Eisai to present 2 posters on Perampanel looking at mental health safety in children.	Direct financial	Attendance expenses only. Declare and participate
		Leading a Cochrane update into pharmaceutical interventions in people with Learning disability and epilepsy	Direct Non-financial	Declare and participate
Angie Pullen	Lay member	Attended a patient advisory group exploring lived experience of epilepsy and epilepsy care. Arranged for people with focal epilepsy to attend and share experiences. This was conducted on behalf of Arvelle therapeutics. A fee was paid to Epilepsy Action my employer not to me personally.	Indirect ~Financial	Declare and participate
Archana Desurkar	Paediatric Neurologist	Ongoing appointment: Member of Medical Advisory Board, Eisai meeting on Perampanel 26/11/20	Direct Financial	Non-Specific. Declare and participate
		Member of Medical	Direct	Declare and

		Advisory Board meeting on Brivaracetam, UCB 9/11/20. This meeting was a single event.	Financial	participate.
		PI on Zogenix Fenfluramine Trial-funds paid in to research department 2017-2019	Indirect Financial	Declare and participate
Arjune Sen	Topic Advisor	Invited to Speak at Bial organised webinar Epilepsy in older people– no monies received. Take place in March 2021	Direct Non-financial	Declare and participate

The Chair and a senior member of the Developer’s team noted that the interests declared did not prevent the attendees from fully participating in the meeting.

3. Minutes of last meeting

The Chair asked the Committee if there were any corrections to be made to the minutes of the last meeting. The Committee suggested the following changes:

- The list of participants should be amended to reflect that Trudy Thomas participated in the following items only: 1 – 3, 5-7 and only part of item 4.

The Chair confirmed that all matters arising had been completed or were in hand.

4. Presentation: NGA recommendations: Anti-Seizure medications

The Chair introduced Helen Cross, Topic Advisor of the NGA who delivered a presentation on the recommendations on Anti-Seizure medications drafted by the NGA Epilepsies committee.

Helen Cross then took questions from the group.

5. Presentation: Linking evidence to recommendations

Gill Ritchie and Arjune Sen led discussions on Linking evidence to recommendations documents for the following reviews:

- Patient Information and support
- Transition from paediatric to adult epilepsy services

Qudsia Mali led discussions on the Linking evidence to recommendations

documents for the following review:

- Psychological treatments

All discussions included an opportunity for the committee to review the draft recommendations for each topic area.

6. Presentation: Evidence review: Risk tools for the prediction of a 2nd Seizure

Mark Perry and Alexandra Bonnon delivered the clinical and economic evidence review on the most accurate tools for predicting a further seizure, in people who have had a single seizure. Mark led the committee's discussion of the evidence.

7. Draft Protocol: Prevalence of psychological disorders

The Committee discussed the draft review protocol on the prevalence of psychological disorders and were given the opportunity to ask questions. Discussions were led by Qudsia Malik.

8. Any other business

There being no further business the meeting ended at 1530.

Date of next meeting: 23 February 2021

Location of next meeting: Virtual meeting platform: Zoom