

Epilepsies in children, young people and adults

Committee meeting 03

Date: 03/09/2019

Location: Linacre Room, Royal College of Physicians, 11 St. Andrews Place,
Regent's Park, London, NW1 4LE

Minutes: Final

Committee members present:		
Stephen Ward (Chair)		Present for notes 1 – 11
Anna Misserochi		Present for notes 1 – 11
Archana Desurkar		Present for notes 1 – 11
Arjune Sen (Topic adviser)		Present for notes 1 – 11
Christina Petropoulos		Present for notes 1 – 11
Gabriella Rands		Present for notes 1 – 11
Gareth Payne (via teleconference)		Present for notes 6 – 9
Janine Winterbottom		Present for notes 1 – 11
Jon Mark Dickson		Present for notes 1 – 11
Lauren Anderson		Present for notes 1 – 11
Lisa O'Brien		Present for notes 1 – 11
Phillip Smith		Present for notes 9 – 11
Rohit Shankar		Present for notes 1 – 11
Sallie Baxendale		Present for notes 9 – 11
Sally Gomersall		Present for notes 1 – 11
Sasha Burn		Present for notes 1 – 11
Trudy Thomas		Present for notes 1 – 11
In attendance:		
Angela Cooper	Senior research fellow	Present for notes 1 – 11
Ian Mather	Resource impact and assessment team, NICE	Present for notes 1 – 11
Caroline Keir	Guideline commissioning manager, NICE	Present for notes 9 – 11
Gill Ritchie	Guideline lead	Present for notes 1 – 11
Margaret Constanti	Senior health economist	Present for notes 1 – 11
Rafina Yarde	Research fellow	Present for notes 1 – 11
Tamara Diaz	Project manager	Present for notes 1 – 11

Apologies:

None

1. Welcome and objectives for the meeting

The Chair welcomed attendees to the third meeting of the Epilepsies in children, young people and adults Guideline Committee.

The Chair informed the Committee that there had been no apologies, however Philip Smith and Sallie Baxendale would join the meeting in the afternoon and Gareth Payne would join mid meeting for protocol and review discussions. These are noted in the attendees list.

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

- Inviting Committee members to introduce themselves for the benefit of new members.
- Delivering presentations on GRADE, meta-analysis and resource impact assessment and seeking the Committee's feedback in this regard.
- Presenting and discussing clinical and health economic evidence on New Technologies and Vagus Nerve Stimulation evidence reviews.
- Presenting, discussing and editing draft review protocols.

2. Introductions

Committee members introduced themselves.

3. Declarations of interest: committee declarations

The Chair confirmed the matters under discussion, for the purpose of managing conflicts of interest, and asked attending Committee members to verbally declare any interests that may have arisen since the last meeting. Additionally, new members joining the committee were asked to inform the committee of their declarations made at recruitment.

Previously declared declarations by Dr. Rohit Shankar required that he step out of the room during discussions on the new technologies review.

All interests declared at recruitment and during the meeting are noted below:

Name	Job title, organisation	Declarations of Interest, when declared (Meeting/Recruitment)	Type of interest	Decision taken
Trudy Thomas	Pharmacist	Meeting 3: I was supported on applying for a pharmacy consultant in epilepsy post. Was supported by UCB Pharma in forming business plan. They asked for help in development of training materials. I have been asked to comment on general requirements for pharmacy packaging.	Direct Non-financial	Declare and participate.
Sallie Baxendale	adult clinical neuropsychologist	International League Against Epilepsy: UK Branch Committee member	Direct non-financial	declare and participate

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

4. Minutes of the previous meeting

The GC approved the minutes of Guideline Committee meeting 2.

5. Introduction to meta-analysis and GRADE

Angela Cooper delivered methodological presentations to the committee on meta-analysis and GRADE. This supported the Committee's interpretation of evidence reviews presented during the meeting. The Chair co-led discussions.

6. Draft evidence reviews: vagus nerve stimulation

Rafina Yarde and Margaret Constanti presented the draft evidence review on the following question: **What is the effectiveness of vagus nerve stimulation in epilepsy?** The committee considered and discussed the evidence. Gareth Payne participated in this section of the meeting via Skype dial in.

7. Draft evidence review: new technologies

Rafina Yarde and Margaret Constanti presented the draft evidence review on the

following review question: **What is the clinical and cost effectiveness of digital health technologies (for example, night monitors, wearable devices and Apps) in people with epilepsy?** The committee considered and discussed the evidence. Gareth Payne participated in this section of the meeting via Skype dial in.

8. Resource and Impact presentation

Ian Mather from the NICE resource, impact and assessment team delivered an introductory presentation to the committee. The group was given the opportunity to seek clarification on this.

9. Draft Review Protocols: reviews

Angela Cooper presented draft protocols for the clinical areas listed below, the committee discussed and amended the protocol:

- 3.8a status epilepticus: monotherapy
- 3.8b status epilepticus: adjunct
- 3.6a repetitive seizures: monotherapy
- 3.6b repetitive seizures: adjunct

Philip Smith and Sally Baxendale joined the meeting in person at this point in the meeting.

10. Economic priorities

Margaret Constanti delivered a presentation and led discussions on the economic priorities for the guideline.

11. Any other business

The group was updated on guideline committee recruitment.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 1600.

Date of next meeting: 22 October 2019

Location of next meeting: NGC Board room, Royal College of Physicians