

## Head Injury update Committee meeting 4

**Date:** 30/07/2021

**Location:** Virtual meeting

**Minutes:** Confirmed

<b>Committee members present:</b>	
Caroline Balson [CB]	(Present for notes 1 – 8)
Ian Bernstein [IB] – Chair	(Present for notes 1 – 8)
Adel Helmy [AH]	(Present for notes 1 – 8)
Fiona Lecky [FL] – Topic adviser	(Present for notes 1 – 8)
Mark Lyttle [ML]	(Present for notes 1 – 8)
Virginia Newcombe [VN]	(Present for notes 1 – 8)
Curtis Offiah [CO]	(Present for notes 1 – 8)
Patrick O’Halloran [PO]	(Present for notes 1 – 8)
James Piercy [JP]	(Present for notes 1 – 8)
Gillian Richards [GR]	(Present for notes 1 – 8)
Matthew Wiles [MW]	(Present for notes 1 – 8)
Colin Williamson [CW]	(Present for notes 1 – 8)

<b>Co-opted members present:</b>	
Nicholas Brown [NB]	Advanced Paramedic Practitioner in Critical Care, London Ambulance Service NHS Trust (present for note 5)
Peta Sharples [PS]	Consultant Paediatric Neurologist, Bristol Royal Hospital for Children (present for notes 7-8)
Clara O’Brien [CB]	Lead Consultant Clinical Neuropsychologist, University Hospitals Sussex NHS Foundation Trust (present for notes 7-8)
Suzanna Watson [SW]	Lead for Paediatric Neuropsychological Services Cambridge and Peterborough NHS Foundation Trust (present for notes 7-8)
Hari Krishnan [HK]	Consultant Paediatric Intensivist, Birmingham Children’s Hospital (present for notes 7-8)

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<b>In attendance:</b>		
Rupert Franklin [RF]	NICE Guideline Commissioning Manager	(Present for notes 1 – 8)
Emma Clegg [EC]	Information specialist	(Present for notes 1 – 8)
Giulia Zuodar [GZ]	Project Manager	(Present for notes 1 – 8)
Sharangini Rajesh [SR]	Senior Research Fellow	(Present for notes 1 – 8)
Sharon Swain [SS]	Guideline Lead	(Present for notes 1 – 8)
David Wonderling [DW]	Head of Health Economics	(Present for notes 1 – 8)
Nicole Downes [ND]	Research Fellow	(Present for notes 1 – 8)

<b>Apologies:</b>	
Catriona Jones [CJ]	GC member
Emily Feilding [EF]	GC member

<b>1. Welcome and objectives for the meeting</b>
<p>The Chair welcomed the Committee members and attendees to the fourth meeting on Head Injury (update). Apologies were announced and are noted above.</p> <p>The Chair outlined the objectives of the meeting, which included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of draft recommendations and committee discussion: Clinical effectiveness of pre-hospital strategies to convey people to a specialist neuroscience centre</li> <li>• Review of draft recommendations and committee discussion: Clinical effectiveness of providing direct access from the community to imaging</li> <li>• Protocols: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Diagnostic accuracy of clinical decision rules - overall population</li> <li>○ Indications for imaging - subgroups</li> <li>○ Admission and observation of people with concussion</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>2. Confirmation of matter under discussion, and declarations of interest</b>
<p>The Chair confirmed that, for the purpose of managing conflicts of interest, the matter under discussion was pre-hospital strategies to convey people to a specialist</p>

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neuroscience centre, providing direct access from the community to imaging, diagnostic accuracy of clinical decision rules – overall population, indications for imaging – subgroups, CT and MRI of the cervical spine, admission and observation of people with concussion.

The following declarations were received:

Name	Job title, organisation	Declarations of Interest, date declared	Type of interest	Decision taken
FL	Topic advisor	Co-applicant on MATTTS (Major Trauma Triage Tools Study) study on identification and review of existing triage tools, and development of a new tool by expert consensus, for evaluation in subsequent phases. Senior author of cohort study to validate triage tools from Phase One and identify an optimally performing candidate triage tool.	Non-financial, professional and personal - direct	Partial exclusion. Clinical decision rules selecting people with head injury for imaging included in the scope of the guideline. The committee member will remain in the room for presentation of the evidence and may be asked to respond to specific questions from the committee regarding this topic but will not take part in drafting the recommendations

### 3. Declarations of interest

The Chair and a senior member of the Developer’s team noted that FL’s involvement in studies on bypassing the nearest emergency unit requires partial exclusion of the committee member.

The committee member will remain in the room and may be asked to respond to specific questions from the committee regarding this topic but will not take part in any amendments to the recommendations.

### 4. Minutes of the previous meeting

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The committee agreed that the minutes of the previous meeting were an accurate record of the meeting.

##### **5. Committee discussion and draft recommendations: Clinical effectiveness of pre-hospital strategies to convey people to a specialist neuroscience centre**

SS presented the Committee discussion and draft recommendations on the clinical effectiveness of pre-hospital strategies to convey people to a specialist neuroscience centre.

The GC amended the draft recommendations and discussion.

FL remained in the room and was asked to respond to specific questions from the committee regarding this topic but did not take part in amendments to the recommendations.

##### **6. Committee discussion and draft recommendations: Clinical effectiveness of providing direct access from the community to imaging**

SS presented the Committee discussion and draft recommendations on clinical effectiveness of providing direct access from the community to imaging

The GC amended the draft recommendations and discussion.

##### **7. Protocol discussions**

SR presented draft review protocols for the following areas for the Committee's discussion and agreement:

- Protocols:
  - Diagnostic accuracy of clinical decision rules - overall population
  - Indications for imaging – subgroups
  - CT and MRI of the cervical spine
  - Admission and observation of people with concussion

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<b>8. Any other business</b>
None

**Date of next meeting:** 17 September 2021

**Location of next meeting:** Virtual meeting