

Vitamin B12 Deficiency Committee meeting 2

Date: 11/03/2022, 1000 - 1600

Location: Virtual meeting

Minutes: Confirmed

Committee members present:		
Dominic Harrington		(Present for notes 1 – 8)
Emile Richman		(Present for notes 1 – 8)
Emma Stevenson		(Present for notes 1 – 8)
Ian Beales		(Present for notes 1 – 8)
Imran Jawaid (Chair)		(Present for notes 1 – 8)
Maddie Holness		(Present for notes 1 – 8)
Mamta Garg		(Present for notes 1 – 8)
Mark Pritchard		(Present for notes 1 – 8)
Medina Brown		(Present for notes 1 – 8)
Rakesh Koria		(Present for notes 1 – 8)
Victoria Hetherington (Cooptee)		(Present for notes 1 – 8)
Willemina Rietsema		(Present for notes 1 – 8)

In attendance:		
Aamer Jawed [AJ]	Health Economist	(Present for notes 1 – 8)
Alfredo Mariani [AM]	Senior Health Economist	(Present for notes 1 – 8)
Carlos Sharpin [CS]	Guideline Lead	(Present for notes 1 – 8)
Lina Gulhane [LG]	Head of Information Specialists	(Present for notes 1 – 8)
Maria Smyth [MS]	Senior Research Fellow	(Present for notes 1 – 8)
Simran Chawla [SC]	NICE, Public Involvement Advisor	(Present for notes 1 – 4)
Toby Sands [TS]	Research Fellow	(Present for notes 1 – 8)

Apologies:		
Nick Staples [NS]	NICE Guideline Commissioning Manager	-
Stephen Deed [SD]	Information Specialist	-
Katie Tuddenham [KT]	Project Manager	-

1. Welcome and objectives for the meeting

The Chair welcomed the Committee members and attendees to the second meeting on Vitamin B12 Deficiency. The Committee members and attendees introduced themselves.

The Chair outlined the objectives of the meeting, which included presenting an overview of the patient involvement programme and the following:

- Evidence review on effectiveness of diagnostic tests
- Agreement on draft review protocols

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 diagnostic accuracy of tests and effectiveness of diagnostic tests. The following declarations were received:

Name	Job title, organisation	Declarations of Interest, date declared	Type of interest	Decision taken
Victoria Hetherington	Co-opted member	Partner in GP Practice (Lime Grove Medical Centre)	Financial Direct Non-specific	Declare and participate
Victoria Hetherington	Co-opted member	Managing Director of Henry and Hetherington Medical Ltd (Private vehicle for locum services undertaken)	Financial Direct Non-specific	Declare and participate
Victoria Hetherington	Co-opted member	Paddock Medic for Formula Medicine, providing International medical cover for Formula One races.	Financial Direct Non-specific	Declare and participate
Victoria Hetherington	Co-opted member	Facilitator for GP Task Force (Derbyshire LMC) - consultancy work supporting struggling practices	Financial Direct Non-specific	Declare and participate
Victoria Hetherington	Co-opted member	Member of Shared Care Pathology Clinical Interest Group – Derbyshire - Voluntary role for professional interest, input and dissemination of information	Non-Financial Direct Non-specific	Declare and participate

The Chair and a senior member of the Developer's team noted that the interests

declared did not prevent attendees from fully participating in the meeting.

3. Previous minutes

The group agreed the minutes of the previous meeting as accurate and final.

4. Introductory presentations

- SC delivered a presentation on: Working with NICE patient involvement.
- AJ delivered a presentation on: Introduction to health economics.

5. Health economic priorities

- AJ delivered a presentation summarising the results of economic prioritisation survey. The group agreed to revisit this item at a later date.

6. Evidence review: Diagnosis Test and Treat

TS presented the evidence review for the following clinical question: What are the most clinically and cost-effective ways to diagnose vitamin B12 deficiency, including the serum cobalamin assay and holotranscobalamin, methylmalonic acid and homocysteine tests?

No studies were included, or evidence identified for this review.

7. Protocol: Diagnostic Accuracy of Tests

MS presented the Diagnostic Accuracy of Tests protocol, for the group's agreement.

8. Any other business

The committee was updated on further recruitment plans for the guideline including plans related to the paediatric roles.

The committee was also reminded of the NGC's planned transfer into the NICE team, effective 01 April 2022.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 1615.

Date of next meeting: 26 April 2022

Location of next meeting: Virtual meeting