

Vitamin B12 Deficiency Committee meeting

Date: 26/04/2022

Location: Via zoom

Minutes: Final

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

In attendance:		
Stephen Deed	Information Specialist	(Present for notes 7 – 8)
Bethan Dorsett	Senior Digital Editor	(Present for notes 1 – 5)
James Hall	Senior Medical Editor	(Present for notes 1 – 5)
Aamer Jawed	Health Economist	(Present for notes 1 – 8)
Toby Sands	Research Fellow	(Present for notes 1 – 8)
Carlos Sharpin	Guideline Lead	(Present for notes 1 – 8)
Maria Smyth	Senior Research Fellow	(Present for notes 1 – 8)
Nick Staples	Guideline Commissioning Manager	(Present for notes 1 – 8)
Katie Tuddenham	Project Manager	(Present for notes 1 – 8)

Apologies:	
Victoria Hetherington	Co-opted Committee member
Maddie Holness	Committee member
Rakesh Koria	Committee member

1. Welcome and objectives for the meeting

The Chair welcomed the Committee members and attendees to the third meeting on vitamin B12 deficiency. The Committee members and attendees introduced themselves.

No members of the public asked to observe the meeting.

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

The Chair outlined the objectives of the meeting.

2. Confirmation of matter under discussion, and declarations of interest

The Chair confirmed that, for the purpose of managing conflicts of interest, the matter under discussion was diagnostic accuracy of tests for diagnosing vitamin B12 deficiency.

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
Mark Pritchard	Professor of Gastroenterology at the University of Liverpool and Honorary Consultant Gastroenterologist at Liverpool University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust	Payments for my services made to University of Liverpool rather than to me as an individual by Ipsen. This relates to a speaking engagement at an educational forum on diagnosis of neuroendocrine tumours (NETs). This is an extension of a previously declared interest with the same company but declares participation at a new event.	Indirect financial non-specific	No action needed

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 it wanted any changes made to the minutes of the last meeting. The Committee agreed that the minutes were a true and accurate account of the meeting.

4. Presentation – Health economics

Aamer Jawed, Health Economist, gave a presentation on the results of the health economic prioritisation survey. Committee members discussed and debated the rankings assigned to the review questions.

5. Presentation – Editorial

The Chair introduced Bethan Dorsett, Editor, who gave a presentation on writing recommendations for NICE.

6. Review of evidence – diagnostic accuracy

Maria Smyth, Senior Research Fellow, gave a presentation on diagnostic evidence review methods. Maria then gave a presentation on the diagnostic accuracy data for this review question. Aamer Jawed gave a presentation on health economics for this review question.

The Committee discussed the evidence for the diagnostic accuracy review question and were given the opportunity to ask questions. They drafted recommendations.

7. Review of protocols

Maria led a discussion on the protocols for vitamin B12 replacement and self-administration. The committee discussed and edited the protocols.

8. Any other business

There being no other business, the Chair thanked everyone for their participation and closed the meeting.

Date of next meeting: 10/06/2022

Location of next meeting: Via Zoom