

**Date and Time:** *Thursday 5th June 2014 10:00 – 16:30*

**Minutes:** Confirmed

**Guideline Development Group Meeting Preterm labour and birth**

**Place:** *Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists  
London*

**Present:**

Jane Norman (JN) (Chair)	(Present for notes 1 – 11)
Judi Barratt (JB)	(Present for notes 1 – 11)
Paul Eunson (PE)	(Present for notes 1 – 10)
Jane Hawdon (JH)	(Present for notes 1 – 10)
Philip Owen (PO)	(Present for notes 1 – 10)
Jane Plumb (JP)	(Present for notes 1 – 10)
Farrah Pradhan (FP)	(Present for notes 8 – 10)
Marianne Rowntree (MR)	(Present for notes 1 – 10)
Martin Ward-Platt (MWP)	(Present for notes 1 – 10)
Louise Weaver-Lowe (LW-L)	(Present for notes 1 – 10)

**In attendance:**

NCC-WCH staff: Shona Burman-Roy (SBR) Maryam Gholitabar (MG) Juliet Kenny (JK) David James (DJ) Paul Jacklin (PJ)		(Present for notes 1 – 11) (Present for notes 1 – 8) (Present for notes 1 – 11) (Present for notes 1 – 11) (Present for notes 5 – 8)
NICE attendees: Oliver Bailey		(Present for notes 1 – 11)
Other attendees: Sofia Dias (NICE Technical Support Unit (TSU))		(Present for note 8)

**Observers:**

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**Notes**

- JN welcomed the group to the eighth meeting of this GDG.

JN asked all the GDG members and other attendees to declare any new interests that they had accrued since GDG 7 and reiterate any interests declared previously that were relevant to the meeting agenda.

JN

**Personal non-pecuniary:**

Received funding to cover travel expenses and registration from European Society for Preterm Birth to attend a meeting in Svenborg to speak on the topic of progesterone to

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prevent preterm labour arguing in support of the intervention.

Received funding to cover registration from European Board of Gynecology and Obstetrics to attend a meeting in Glasgow to speak on the topic of progesterone to prevent preterm labour arguing against the use of the intervention.

Received hospitality while attended a meeting hosted by the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists in Glasgow.

It was agreed that no interests declared at this meeting or previously warranted exclusion of any GDG members from discussion of evidence or formulation of recommendations at the meeting.

2. The minutes of the last meeting were agreed with one correction.
3. JN explained that PJ would be arriving late and that the agenda had been rearranged to accommodate this.
4. MG presented the draft review for electronic fetal monitoring versus intermittent auscultation in women who are in suspected or diagnosed preterm labour (the protocol, the list of excluded studies, the evidence tables, the evidence profiles and evidence summary). The group had an opportunity discuss the results and ask questions.
5. JN led the group through the process of interpreting the evidence and drafting recommendations. Notes were made live on screen.
6. JN led the group through the process of revising the draft recommendations for criteria for interpreting the preterm fetal heart rate trace at different gestational ages for unborn babies whose mothers are in suspected or diagnosed preterm labour.
7. PJ gave a presentation on the draft health economic analysis for the topic of magnesium sulphate for neuroprotection. The draft model was demonstrated live on screen and the GDG had the opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback on cost inputs and other aspects of the model design and to ask questions.
8. SD gave a training presentation on network meta-analysis methods and an overview of the work that was being undertaken by the NICE TSU for the topic of tocolytic drugs for women in suspected or diagnosed labour to improve outcomes. The group had the opportunity to ask questions.
9. SBR presented the draft review for information and support for women who are at risk of preterm labour or who are in suspected or diagnosed preterm labour (the protocol, the list of excluded studies, the evidence tables, the evidence profiles and evidence summary). The group had an opportunity discuss the results and ask questions.
10. SBR led the group through the process of interpreting the evidence. Notes were made live on screen but no recommendations were drafted due to lack of time.
11. There was no other business. JN thanked the participants for attending and closed the meeting.

## Date, time and venue of the next meeting

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2014, 10:00 – 16:30 at the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, London