

**Faltering growth in children: recognition and management
Committee meeting**

Date: 7th March 2016

Location: Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, London

Minutes: Final

Committee members present:	
Russell Peek (Chair)	(Present for notes 1 – 6)
Alison Spiro	(Present for notes 1 – 6)
Caroline Roberts	(Present for notes 1 – 6)
Annalou Louw	(Present for notes 1 – 6)
Anne Marie Frohock	(Present for notes 1 – 6)
Charlotte Wright	(Present for notes 1 – 6)
Rachel Pidcock	(Present for notes 1 – 6)
Shel Banks	(Present for notes 1 – 6)
Denise Pemberton	(Present for notes 1 – 6)
Gordon Allan	(Present for notes 1 – 6)
Rachel Bryant-Waugh	(Present for notes 1 – 6)
Shirley Paddock	(Present for notes 1 – 6)

In attendance:		
Sarah Catchpole	Senior Medical Editor	(Present for notes 1 – 6)
Katharina Dworzynski	Senior Research Fellow and Guideline Lead	(Present for notes 1 – 6)
Anne Carty	Project Manager	(Present for notes 1 – 6)
Amir Omidvari	Research Fellow	(Present for notes 1 – 6)
Alex Bates	Senior Health Economist	(Present for notes 1 – 6)
Gary Waltham	Senior Director	(Present for note 4)

Apologies	
Valentina Ricci	Senior Research Fellow

4.0.03 DOC Cmte minutes

Stephen Murphy	Clinical Director for Women's and Children's Health
Katie Perryman-Ford	Guideline Commissioning Manager

1. Welcome and objectives for the meeting

The Chair welcomed the Committee members and attendees to the 3rd meeting on Faltering Growth. 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, which included:

- Drafting recommendations on breast-feeding support
- Drafting recommendations on non-nutritional interventions
- Finalising search protocols for information and support, service configurations, specific conditions and thresholds for concern

Introductions

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 Faltering Growth.

No new interests were declared.

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 suggested the following changes:

4. Presentations

The Chair introduced Alex Bates, Senior Health Economist who gave a presentation on the update to the NICE guidelines manual regarding resource implications. Alex Bates took questions from the group.

The Chair introduced Sarah Catchpole, Senior Medical Editor who gave a

4.0.03 DOC Cmte minutes

presentation on writing recommendations. Sarah took questions from the group.

The Chair introduced Caroline Roberts and Alison Spiro who presented information on their experiences with Faltering Growth as Health Visitors. Caroline and Alison took questions from the group.

The Chair introduced Gary Waltham, Senior Director who gave a presentation on National Guideline Alliance (NGA). Gary took questions from the group. In June 2015, the RCOG was awarded a six year contract by NICE to bring together the work of the preceding National Collaborating Centres (NCCs); the NCC for Women's and Children's Health (NCC-WCH) already hosted by the RCOG, the NCC for Cancer (NCC-C), previously based at the Velindre NHS Trust, Cardiff; and the NICE component of the NCC for Mental Health (NCC-MH), previously based at the Royal College of Psychiatrists to create a single, multi-disciplinary centre.

Developing fifteen guidelines at any one time, the National Guideline Alliance (NGA) will launch on 1st April 2016. All NICE guidelines in development in the three former NCCs will transfer to the responsibility of the NGA. Committee members should expect minimal changes with continuity of both processes and staff supporting each guideline to be maintained in most instances.

The chair introduced Katharina Dworzynski to the group who presented the evidence on breast-feeding support. Katharina took questions from the group.

The chair introduced Amir Omidvari to the group who presented the evidence on non-nutritional interventions. Amir took questions from the group.

5. Questions and discussion

The Committee discussed the evidence on breast-feeding support and wrote recommendations based on this evidence.

The Committee discussed the evidence on non-nutritional interventions and wrote recommendations based on this evidence.

The Committee discussed and finalised the search protocols for information and support, service configurations, specific conditions and thresholds for concern.

6. Any other business

There was no other business

Date of next meeting: 29th April 2016

4.0.03 DOC Cmte minutes

Location of next meeting: Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists,
London