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Centre for Health Technology Evaluation

Diagnostics Advisory Committee (DAC) meeting minutes

**Minutes:** Confirmed

**Date and time:** 27 July 2023 at 09:00

**Location:** Via Zoom

# Committee members present:

1. Dr Brian Shine (Chair) Present for items 1 to 4.1.6
2. Professor Neil Hawkins (Vice Chair and meeting chair) Present for all items
3. Anne Scott Present for items 1 to 4.1.6
4. Diane Davies Present for all items
5. Ghada Ahmed Present for all items
6. John Cairns Present for all items
7. Karen Sennett Present for items 1 to 4.2.2
8. Keith Abrams Present for all items
9. Kiran Bali Present for all items
10. Patrick McGinley Present for all items
11. Radha Ramachandran Present for all items

# NICE staff present:

Sarah Byron, Programme Director Present for items 1 to 4.2.2

Frances Nixon, Health Technology Assessment Adviser, DAP Present for all items

Judith Shore, Health Technology Assessment Adviser, DAP Present for all items

Jacob Grant, Health Technology Assessment Analyst, DAP Present for all items

Donna Barnes, Project Manager, DAP Present for all items

Alex Sexton, Administrator, DAP Present for all items

# External assessment group representatives present:

Matt Stevenson, Professor of Health Technology Assessment, Present for items 1 to 4.1.6  
School of Health and Related Research (ScHARR),   
The University of Sheffield

Sue Harnan, Senior Research Fellow, ScHARR Present for items 1 to 4.1.6

Aline Navega Biz, Research Fellow, ScHARR Present for items 1 to 4.1.6

Jean Hamilton, Research Fellow, ScHARR Present for items 1 to 4.1.6

# Specialist committee members present:

Caroline Addison, Consultant Clinical Scientist, Present for all items  
Gateshead Health NHS Foundation Trust

Mary Craig, GP Cancer Lead, Aneurin Bevan Present for all items  
University Health Board

Michael Gray, Lay specialist committee member Present for all items

Brian Nicholson, GP and Clinical Lecturer, University of Oxford Present for items 1 to 4.1.6

Edward Seward, Consultant Gastroenterologist, University Present for all items  
College London Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

Baljit Singh, Consultant Colorectal Surgeon and Honorary Present for all items  
Associate Professor, University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust

# Observers present:

## Jessica Wilcock, Technical Analyst, NICE Present for all items

## Ruth Melville, Senior Medial Editor, NICE Present for all items

## Matthew Brown, Digital Media Manager, NICE Present for all items

Rosalee Mason, Coordinator, Meetings in Public, NICE Present for items 1 to 4.1.6

Suzie Panek, Resource Impact, NICE Present for all items

Janine Wigmore, Public Involvement Adviser, NICE Present for items 1 to 4.1.3

1. Introduction to the meeting
   1. The chair welcomed members of the committee and other attendees present to the meeting.
   2. The chair noted apologies from Brendan Meyer, Jonathan Weir-McCall, Joy Allen, Michael Messenger, Rashmi Kumar, Rebecca Allcock, Sam Creavin, Farhat Din, John Morris and James Stephenson.
2. News and announcements
   1. None.
3. Minutes from the last meeting
   1. The committee approved the minutes of the committee meeting held on 22 June 2023.
4. Evaluation of Quantitative faecal immunochemical tests to guide colorectal cancer pathway referral in primary care
   1. Part 1 – Open session
      1. The chair welcomed specialist committee members, external assessment group representatives, members of the public and company representatives from insert company name.
      2. The chair asked all committee members and specialist committee members to indicate if they had any further interests to declare, in addition to those declared in advance of the meeting. All interests declared for this assessment are listed on the registers available on the NICE website here: <https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/indevelopment/gid-dg10036/documents>
      3. The Committee proceeded to discuss the comments made during the public consultation for the Quantitative faecal immunochemical tests to guide colorectal cancer pathway referral in primary care topic.

The Committee was asked if there were any specific equality issues to consider in relation to this assessment.

* + 1. The Chair asked the company representatives whether they wished to comment on any matters of factual accuracy.
    2. The Chair thanked the external assessment group, company representatives, and public observers for their attendance at the meeting.
    3. The Chair explained that “representatives of the press and other members of the public be excluded from the remainder of this meeting having regard to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, publicity on which would be prejudicial to the public interest (Section 1(2) Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960)” and the external assessment group, manufacturer representatives and public observers left the meeting.
  1. Part 2 – Closed session
     1. The committee discussed next steps.
     2. The committee then agreed on the content of the Diagnostics Guidance (DG). The committee decision was reached by consensus.
     3. The committee asked the NICE technical team to prepare the Diagnostics Guidance (DG) in line with their decisions.

1. Date of the next meeting

The next meeting of the Diagnostics Advisory Committee (DAC) will be held on 22 August 2023 and will start promptly at 9:00.