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Centre for Health Technology Evaluation

Diagnostics Advisory Committee (DAC) meeting minutes

**Minutes:** Confirmed

**Date and time:** Wednesday 29 November 2023 at 13:30

**Location:** Via Zoom

# Committee members present

1. Brian Shine (Chair) Present for all items
2. Diane Davies Present for all items
3. Ghada Ahmed Present for all items
4. John Cairns Present for all items
5. Jonathan Weir-McCall Present for all items
6. Joy Allen Present for items 1 to 4.1.6
7. Matt Stevenson Present for all items
8. Michael Messenger Present for all items
9. Patrick McGinley Present for all items
10. Rashmi Kumar Present for all items
11. Rebecca Allcock Present for all items
12. Farai Goromonzi Present for all items

# NICE staff present:

Rebecca Albrow, Associate Director, Diagnostics Assessment Present for all items

Programme (DAP)

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

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

Lyn Davies, Meetings in Public Coordinator Present for items 1 to 4.1.6

Donna Barnes, Project Manager, DAP Present for all items

Toni Gasse, Project Manager, DAP Present for all items

Ruth Melville, Senior Medical Editor Present for all items

Suzie Panek, Finance Analyst Present for all items

Matthew Brown, Digital Media Manager Present for all items

Janine Wigmore, Public Involvement Adviser Present for all items

# External assessment group representatives present:

Paul Tappenden, Professor of Health Economic Present for items 1 to 4.1.6

Modelling School of Health and Related

Research

Katy Cooper, Senior Research Fellow, Present for items 1 to 4.1.6

School of Health and Related Research

# Specialist committee members present:

Britta Stordal, Senior Lecturer in Medical Sciences, Present for all items

Middlesex University London

Suzanne Frank, Advanced Specialist Breast Present for all items

Cancer Pharmacist, The Christie Hospital

NHS Trust

Caroline Graham, Lay specialist Present for all items

Mark Davies, Consultant in Medical Oncology, Present for all items

Swansea Bay University Health Board

Muireann Kelleher, Consultant Medical Present for all items

Oncologist, St George’s University Hospital

NHS Foundation Trust

Stuart McIntosh, Clinical Reader in Surgical Oncology, Present for items 1 to 4.1.6

Queen’s University Belfast and Honorary Consultant Breast

Surgeon, Belfast Health & Social Care Trust

# Observers present:

Ziqi Zhou, Technical Analyst, NICE Present for all items

Anam Khan, Technical Analyst, NICE Present for all items

Suvi Härmälä, Technical Analyst, NICE Present for all items

Jessica Willcock, Technical Analyst, NICE Present for all items

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 Anne Scott, Alex Novak, Keith Abrams, Neil Hawkins, Radha Ramachandran, Michael Morton and Sam Creavin.
2. News and announcements
   1. The Chair informed attendees that Professor Michael Messenger would be standing down from the Diagnostics Advisory Committee after today’s meeting at the end of his tenure and thanked him for his contributions during 10 years as a committee member.
3. Minutes from the last meeting
   1. The committee approved the minutes of the committee meeting held on 26 October 2023 with a minor change.
4. Evaluation of Tumour profiling tests to guide adjuvant chemotherapy decisions in lymph node positive early breast cancer
   1. Part 1 – Open session
      1. The chair welcomed specialist committee members, external assessment group representatives, members of the public and company representatives from Agendia N.V., Exact Sciences, Myriad, Putnam PHMR, and Veracyte.
      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-dg10075>
      3. The Committee proceeded to discuss the comments made during the public consultation for the Tumour profiling tests to guide adjuvant chemotherapy decisions in lymph node positive early breast cancer 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 confidential information submitted for this item.
     2. The committee discussed next steps.
     3. The committee then agreed on the content of the Diagnostics Guidance (DG). The committee decision was reached by consensus.
     4. 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 Thursday 18 January 2024 and will start promptly at 10:00.