

Fertility problems committee meeting 15

Date: 29/08/2024

Location: Virtual via Zoom

Minutes: Final

Committee members present:				
Fergus Macbeth	Present for notes 1-6			
Kate Brian	Present for notes 1-6			
Ciaran Hannington	Present for notes 1-6			
Jason Kasraie	Present for notes 1-6			
Raj Mathur	Present for notes 1-6			
Kevin McEleny	Present for notes 1-6			
Allan Pacey	Present for notes 1-6			
Yasmin Rahman	Present for notes 1-6			
Maj Shabbir	Present for notes 1-6			
Bethan Shoemark-Spear	Present for notes 1-6			
Peter Taylor	Present for notes 5-6			
Francesca Steyn	Present for notes 1-5			

In attendance:				
Maija Kallioinen	Topic Lead	Present for notes 1-6		
Katie Tuddenham	Project Manager	Present for notes 1-6		
Odette Megnin-Viggars	Senior Systematic Reviewer	Present for notes 1-6		
Rachel Connolly	Systematic Reviewer	Present for notes 1-6		
Paul Jacklin	Senior Health Economist	Present for notes 1-6		
Stephen Murphy	Clinical Adviser, NICE	Present for notes 1-6		
Sarah Palombella	Senior Medical Editor	Present for notes 1-6		
Philip Williams	Resource Impact Business Analyst	Present for notes 1-6		
Rachel Cutting	Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority representative	Present for notes 1-6		

Apologies	
Laura Berg	Systematic Reviewer
Alexandra Bonnon	Health Economist
Aye Paing	Systematic Reviewer
Nicky Hudson	Academic in the field of assistive reproductive technology
Guy Morris	Clinician with interest in preserving fertility
Stuart Lavery	Consultant gynaecologist

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Manager

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1. Welcome and objectives for the meeting

The Chair welcomed the committee members and attendees to the 15th meeting of the fertility guideline update.

The Chair informed the committee that apologies had been received as noted above.

The Chair outlined the objectives of the meeting which included reviewing research recommendations and reviewing the draft quideline recommendations.

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 fertility problems.

The Chair asked everyone to verbally declare any interests that have risen since the last meeting. The following new interests were declared:

Name	Job title, organisation	Declarations of Interest, date declared	Type of interest	Decision taken
Kevin McEleny	GC member	NOREG meeting speaker. Meal accommodation and travel expenses covered by Northern Reproductive Endocrinology Group.	Non-financial professional interest	Specific Declare and participate
Kevin McEleny	GC member	BFS male fertility study day. Accommodation and travel expenses covered by BFS.	Non-financial professional interest	Specific Declare and participate

3. Minutes of last meeting

The Chair asked the committee to confirm the minutes of GC14. The committee confirmed the minutes were accurate.

4. Morning presentations and discussions

The Chair introduced Odette Megnin-Viggars, Senior Systematic Reviewer, who asked the committee to review the research recommendations for the guideline (sign off new research recommendations and retain or stand down old research recommendations from CG156).

The Chair introduced Maija Kallioinen, Topic Lead, who gave an update on batch 2 plans. She then led a review of the draft guideline recommendations. The sections covered were: 1.1 Principles of care, 1.2 Initial advice to people concerned about delays in conception, 1.3 Investigation of fertility problems and management strategies, 1.5 Ovulation disorders, 1.6 Tubal and uterine surgery.

5. Afternoon presentations and discussions

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The Chair asked the lay members present if they had anything they wished to discuss.

The Chair reintroduced Maija Kallioinen, Topic Lead who continued the discussion with the committee on the draft guideline recommendations. The sections covered were: 1.7 Unexplained fertility problems, mild endometriosis and mild male factor fertility problems, 1.8 Unstimulated intrauterine insemination, 1.11 Procedures used during IVF, 1.12 Intracytoplasmic sperm injection, 1.13 Donor insemination, 1.14 Oocyte donation, Terms used in this guideline.

6. Any other business

There being none, the Chair closed the meeting at 16:30.

Date of next meeting: 16 October 2024

Location of next meeting: Virtual via Zoom

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