

## Fertility problems committee meeting 19

**Date:** 14/02/2025

**Location:** Virtual via Zoom

**Minutes:** Final

| Committee members present: |                       |
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| Fergus Macbeth             | Present for notes 1-5 |
| Kate Brian                 | Present for notes 1-5 |
| Ciaran Hannington          | Present for notes 1-5 |
| Jason Kasraie              | Present for notes 1-5 |
| Stuart Lavery              | Present for notes 1-5 |
| Raj Mathur                 | Present for notes 1-5 |
| Kevin McEleny              | Present for notes 1-5 |
| Allan Pacey                | Present for notes 1-5 |
| Maj Shabbir                | Present for notes 1-5 |
| Peter Taylor               | Present for notes 1-5 |
| Francesca Steyn            | Present for notes 1-5 |
| Nicky Hudson               | Present for notes 1-5 |
| Guy Morris                 | Present for notes 1-5 |
| Bethan Shoemark-Spear      | Present for notes 1-5 |

| In attendance:        |                                  |                       |
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| Maija Kallioinen      | Topic Lead                       | Present for notes 1-5 |
| Katie Tuddenham       | Project Manager                  | Present for notes 1-5 |
| Odette Megnin-Viggars | Senior Technical Analyst         | Present for notes 1-5 |
| Aye Paing             | Technical Analyst                | Present for notes 1-5 |
| Laura Berg            | Technical Analyst                | Present for notes 1-5 |
| Rachel Connolly       | Technical Analyst                | Present for notes 1-4 |
| Paul Jacklin          | Health Economics Adviser         | Present for notes 1-5 |
| Alexandra Bonnon      | Health Economist                 | Present for notes 1-5 |
| Stephen Murphy        | Clinical Adviser                 | Present for notes 1-5 |
| Sarah Palombella      | Senior Medical Editor            | Present for notes 1-5 |
| Philip Williams       | Resource Impact Business Analyst | Present for notes 1-5 |
| Observers:            |                                  |                       |
| Rachel Cutting        | HFEA Adviser                     | Present for notes 1-5 |

| Apologies     |                            |
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| Yasmin Rahman | Guideline Committee member |

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| <b>1. Welcome and objectives for the meeting</b>  |
| <p>The Chair welcomed the committee members and attendees to the 19<sup>th</sup> meeting of the fertility guideline update.</p> <p>The Chair informed the committee that apologies had been received as noted above.</p> <p>The Chair outlined the objectives of the meeting which included reviewing the draft guideline and research recommendations.</p>   |
| <b>2. Confirmation of matter under discussion, and declarations of interest</b>   |
| <p>The Chair confirmed that, for the purpose of managing conflicts of interest, the matter under discussion was fertility problems.</p> <p>The Chair asked everyone to verbally declare any interests that have risen since the last meeting. No new interests were declared.</p> <p>The Chair and a senior member of the Developer's team noted that MS and KM will not participate in decision making for recommendations related to treatment for varicocele because of a conflict of interest related to a published paper.</p> |
| <b>3. Morning presentations and discussions</b>   |
| <p>The Chair introduced Odette Megnin-Viggars, Senior Technical Analyst, who gave a short update on the re-run searches for update 2.</p> <p>The Chair introduced Aye Paing, Technical Analyst, who gave a presentation on the evidence for RQ1.1.1b. The committee discussed draft recommendations.</p>  |
| <b>4. Afternoon presentations and discussions</b>   |
| <p>The Chair reintroduced Aye Paing, Technical Analyst, who gave a presentation on the evidence for RQ1.2.4. The committee discussed draft recommendations.</p>   |
| <b>5. Any other business</b>  |
| <p>There being none, the Chair closed the meeting at 14.30.</p>   |

**Date of next meeting:** Monday 17 March 2025

**Location of next meeting:** Virtual via Zoom