

Fertility problems committee meeting 21

Date: 10/07/2025

Location: Virtual via Zoom

Minutes: Final

Committee members present:	
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
Raj Mathur	Present for notes 1-5
Allan Pacey	Present for notes 1-5
Maj Shabbir	Present for notes 1-5
Nicky Hudson	Present for notes 1-5
Guy Morris	Present for note 5
Yasmin Rahman	Present for notes 1-5
Bethan Shoemark-Spear	Present for notes 1-5

In attendance:		
Maija Kallioinen	Topic Lead	Present for notes 1-5
Jen Francis	Coordinator	Present for notes 1-4 (first item in note 4 only)
Odette Megnin-Viggars	Senior Systematic Reviewer	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 1-5
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
Philip Williams	Resource Impact Business Analyst	Present for notes 1-5
Jonathan Benger	Chief Medical Officer, Deputy Chief Executive and Interim Director of the Centre for Guidelines	Present for notes 1-4 (first item in note 4 only)
Louisa Regan	Implementation Support Manager	Present for notes 1-5
Gareth Haman	Senior Guidance Content Adviser	Present for notes 1-5
Observers:		
None		

Apologies

Stuart Lavery	Guideline Committee member
Peter Taylor	Guideline Committee member
Kevin McEleny	Guideline Committee member
Sarah Palombella	Senior Guidance Content Adviser
Katie Tuddenham	Project Manager
Rachel Cutting	HFEA Adviser
Francesca Steyn	Guideline Committee member
Sara Buckner	Senior Topic Adviser

1. Welcome and objectives for the meeting

The Chair welcomed the committee members and attendees to the 21st 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 an update on the guideline and next steps.

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. One update to an interest was declared (see table below).

Name	Job title, organisation	Declarations of Interest, date declared	Type of interest	Decision taken
Raj Mathur	Committee member	Update to previous declaration - Private practice in fertility. I see patients with fertility problems and provide treatment to them at a private clinic (Manchester Fertility). I do this on a sessional basis and spend, on average, one day a week doing this. I do not have a financial interest in the clinic in the form of shares or ownership and I am paid per session worked rather than per patient seen or treated.	Direct Financial	Specific Declare and participate. Rationale: This private practice is not a conflict due to limited weekly work and no financial interest in the clinic.

3. Minutes of last meeting

The Chair asked the committee to confirm the minutes of GC20. The committee confirmed the minutes were accurate.
4. Morning presentations and discussions
<p>The Chair introduced Jonathan Benger, Chief Medical Officer, Deputy Chief Executive and Interim Director of the Centre for Guidelines, who gave the committee an update on the progress of the guideline.</p> <p>The Chair introduced Maija Kallioinen, Topic Lead, who gave an update on next steps.</p>
5. Any other business
There being none, the Chair closed the meeting at 10.40.

Date of next meeting: TBA