

## Fertility problems committee meeting 23

**Date:** 14/11/2025

**Location:** 2 Redman Place, Stratford, London

**Minutes:** Final

Committee members present:	
Fergus Macbeth	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 from 10.45am
Nicky Hudson (via Zoom)	Present for notes 1-5 (except 12.00-12.30pm)
Guy Morris	Present for notes 1-5
Kevin McEleny	Present for notes 1-5
Peter Taylor	Present for notes 1-5
Kate Brian	Present for notes 1-5

In attendance:		
Maija Kallioinen	Topic Lead	Present for notes 1-5
Katie Tuddenham	Project Manager	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 (via Zoom)	Health Economics Adviser	Present for notes 1-5
Philip Williams (via Zoom)	Resource Impact Business Analyst	Present for notes 1-5
Louisa Regan	Implementation Support Manager	Present until 2.15pm
Sarah Palombella (via Zoom)	Senior Guidance Content Adviser	Present for notes 1-5
Sara Buckner	Senior Topic Adviser	Present for notes 1-3
Observers:		
Rachel Cutting	HFEA Adviser	Present until 15.15pm

Apologies	
Stuart Lavery	Guideline Committee member
Yasmin Rahman	Guideline Committee member
Bethan Shoemark-Spear	Guideline Committee member
Francesca Steyn	Guideline Committee member
Eileen Taylor	Technical Analyst

<b>1. Welcome and objectives for the meeting</b>				
<p>The Chair welcomed the committee members and attendees to the 23<sup>rd</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 an update on the guideline and next steps.</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. The following new updates were declared:</p>				
<b>Name</b>	<b>Job title, organisation</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest, date declared</b>	<b>Type of interest</b>	<b>Decision taken</b>
Nicky Hudson	Committee member	Collaborative PhD studentship, funded by the Economic and Social Research Council, with Endometriosis UK as a project collaborator/advisor. Topic is 'Endometriosis and paid employment at the intersection: understanding organisational and lived experiences of a chronic condition'.	Indirect	Non-specific  Declare and participate.  Rationale: Acting as a PhD supervisor is not a conflict with the development of the guideline. Topic is not specific to the guideline review questions.
Nicky Hudson	Committee member	Research project funded by ESRC on expanded carrier screening. Progress Educational Trust are a project partner.	Indirect	Non-specific  Declare and participate.  Rationale: Not specific to evidence reviews covered by the update.
Nicky Hudson	Committee member	From 5th January I will take up a new full time role as professor of medical sociology at Loughborough university. This will involve academic research on the topics related to the guideline (as per my current paid role).	Direct  Financial	Non-specific  Declare and participate  Rationale: Salaried employment in academia.
<b>3. Morning presentations and discussions</b>				
<p>The Chair introduced Maija Kallioinen, Topic Lead, who led a discussion of the consultation comments pertaining to each section of the guideline. The committee considered the comments and made edits to the guideline document where appropriate.</p>				
<b>4. Afternoon presentations and discussions</b>				

The Chair introduced the lay member forum.

The Chair re-introduced Maija Kallioinen, Topic Lead, who continued to lead the committee through the comments received at consultation pertaining to each section of the guideline. The committee considered the comments and made edits to the guideline document where appropriate.

## **5. Any other business**

Next steps were discussed, and the Chair closed the meeting at 16.30.