

Fertility problems Committee meeting 4

Date: 24/03/2023

Location: Virtual via Zoom

Minutes: Final

Committee members present:		
Fergus Macbeth	Present for notes 1-6	
Raj Mathur	Present for notes 1-6	
Maj Shabbir	Present for notes 1-6	
Jason Kasraie	Present for notes 1-6	
Stuart Lavery	Present for notes 1-6	
Nicky Hudson	Present for notes 1-6	
Francesca Steyn	Present for notes 1-6	
Kate Brian	Present for notes 1-6	
Bethan Shoemark-Spear	Present for notes 1-6	
Ciaran Hannington	Present for notes 1-6	
Kevin McEleny	Present for notes 1-6	
Yasmin Rahman	Present for notes 1-6	
Guy Morris	Present for notes 1-6	
Peter Taylor	Present for notes 1-6	

In attendance:		
Hilary Eadon	Guideline Lead	Present for notes 1-6
Josh South	Senior Project Manager	Present for notes 1-6
Rachel Connolly	Systematic Reviewer	Present for notes 1-6
Katriona O'Donoghue	Systematic Reviewer	Present for notes 1-6

Odette Megnin-Viggars	Senior Systematic Reviewer	Present for notes 1-6
Paul Jacklin	Senior Health Economist	Present for notes 1-6
Liz Pearton	Information Scientist	Present for notes 1-6
Clifford Middleton	Commissioning Manager	Present for notes 1-6
Stephen Murphy	Clinical Advisor	Present for notes 1-6
Rachel Cutting	HFEA observer	Present for notes 1-6
Suzie Panek	Resource impact	Present for notes 1-6

Apologies:	
Sarah Palombella	Editor
Allan Pacey	GC Member

1. Welcome and objectives for the meeting

The Chair welcomed the Committee members and attendees to the 4th meeting of the Fertility guideline. The Committee members and attendees introduced themselves.

The Chair gave a reminder of housekeeping rules for a virtual meeting.

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

The Chair outlined the objectives of the meeting which included looking at review questions and protocols.

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 had arisen since the last meeting. New declarations of interest are noted below:

Name	Job title, organisation	Declarations of Interest, date declared	Type of interest	Decision taken
Francesca Steyn	GC Member - Nurse working in fertility/assisted reproductive technology Director of Fertility and Women's Health Services,	Chair of the Insights Fertility nurses Meeting 2023. A 2-day education and CPD event for fertility nurses	Direct Financial	Declare and participate

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3. Minutes of last meeting

The committee confirmed they were happy with the minutes from the 3rd committee meeting.

4. Presentations

The Chair introduced Rachel Connolly, Systematic Reviewer, who presented the androgen evidence for report RQ 1.2.1 'What is the effectiveness of hormone treatment in male factor fertility problems?'

The Chair introduced Odette Megnin-Viggars, Senior Systematic Reviewer, who presented RQ 3.1.1 Protocol: 'What is the predictive performance of clinical prediction models for assessing the chances of pregnancy or live birth for people with health-related fertility problems using: expectant management, intrauterine insemination (IUI), or IVF with or without intracytoplasmic sperm injection (ICSI)'

The Chair introduced Odette Megnin-Viggars, Senior Systematic Reviewer, who presented RQ 3.2.1 Protocol: What is the clinical and cost effectiveness of ovarian stimulation, intrauterine insemination (IUI) with or without ovarian stimulation, IVF with or without intracytoplasmic sperm injection (ICSI) and expectant management for people with unexplained infertility (including those with mild endometriosis or 'mild' male factor infertility)?

The Chair introduced Katriona O'Donoghue, Systematic Reviewer, who presented evidence report RQ 2.2.2 'What is the effectiveness of cabergoline for fertility problems associated with hyperprolactinaemic amenorrhoea or oligomenorrhea?

5. Questions and discussion

The committee discussed the evidence report for question 1.2.1 and revisited the report to agree further draft recommendations.

The committee discussed the draft protocol for RQ 3.1.1, 3.2.1 & 3.3.1.

The committee discussed the evidence for question 2.2.2 and agreed on draft recommendations.

6. Any other business

The Chair closed the meeting at 15:15 and reminded the committee that the next meeting

will be held virtually on Zoom.

Date of next meeting: 2nd May 2023

Location of next meeting: Via Zoom