

Fertility problems guideline committee interests register

Register last updated: August 2025

All interests have been signed off by the Chair and the NICE developer lead, except where otherwise stated.

Correction to Fertility Problems Guideline Register of Interests – 6th June 2025. See Stuart Lavery’s entry for details.

Name	Role with NICE	Type of interest	Description of interest	Interest arose	Interest declared	Interest ceased	Comments
Fergus Macbeth	Chair	Direct Financial	Employment by North Bristol NHS Trust as a part time health professional vaccinator.	February 2022	December 2022	2023	Non-specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: Interest ceased
Raj Mathur	Committee member (early)	Direct Financial	Consultant Gynaecologist, Subspecialist in Reproductive Medicine and Surgery, Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust. Hon Senior Lecturer, University of Manchester	December 2014	October 2021	Ongoing	Non-specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: Salaried employment in the NHS.
Raj Mathur	Committee member (early)	Direct Financial	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, less than 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. Update July 2025: Increase in the amount of private practice from less than a day to approximately one day a week.	November 2015	October 2021 Update July 2025	Ongoing	Specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: This private practice is not a conflict due to limited weekly work and no financial interest in the clinic.

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Raj Mathur	Committee member (early)	Direct Financial	Received financial support to attend the annual conference of the American Society of Reproductive Medicine from a drug company, Ferring.	October 2021	October 2021	October 2021	Specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: May need to withdraw from making recommendations if Ferring products considered for inclusion, if that arises.
Raj Mathur	Committee member (early)	Direct Financial	Received a fee from a drug company Merck to participate in an Advisory Board on the role of LH in ovarian stimulation.	May 2021	October 2021	May 2021	Specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: Will withdraw from discussions on the role of Merck products LH on ovarian stimulation should it be discussed
Raj Mathur	Committee member (early)	Direct Financial	Received a fee for developing a presentation on ovarian stimulation from a drug company Gedeon Richter.	April 2021	October 2021	April 2021	Specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: Will withdraw from discussions on the role of LH on ovarian stimulation should it be discussed
Raj Mathur	Committee member (early)	Direct Financial	Received fees over a period of 8 months from IVF Life Spain group for providing advice on clinical governance and compliance with UK regulation.	January 2021	October 2021	August 2021	Specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: Interest ceased more than 12 months before guideline development started.

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Raj Mathur	Committee member (early)	Direct Non-financial professional and personal	Chair of the British Fertility Society	January 2021	October 2021	January 2024	Non-specific Declare and participate. Rationale: Involvement in professional society is not a conflict with development of the guideline.
Raj Mathur	Committee member (early)	Direct Non-financial professional and personal	Adviser to Fertility Network UK, which is the national patient organisation. The organisation provides a range of support and resources for patients and supports fairness in NHS funding of fertility treatment.	June 2021	October 2021	May 2024	Non-specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: Interest ceased
Raj Mathur	Committee member (early)	Direct Non-financial professional and personal	Adviser to the Scientific and Clinical Advances Advisory Committee of the HFEA (Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority).	September 2014	October 2021	May 2024	Non-specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: Interest ceased
Raj Mathur	Committee member (early)	Direct Non-financial professional and personal	Invited to sit on the advisory board of a new UK fertility charity – the Fertility Alliance	January 2024	January 2024	Ongoing	Non-specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: Working for a charity is not a conflict with the development of the guideline.
Raj Mathur	Committee member (early)	Direct Non-financial professional and personal	I am a member of the Greater Manchester Assisted Conception and Fertility Preservation Steering Group, which was dormant but has been re-started in September 2024. My role is to provide advice and opinion about different models of delivering care for fertility patients across Greater Manchester. This includes developing pathways for different patient groups, and will potentially also include the	November 2020 to July 2022, re-started September 2024	September 2024	Ongoing	Non-specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: Involvement in a professional organisation is not a conflict with the development of the guideline.

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			number of IVF cycles to be funded by the NHS locally. The group is ultimately answerable to Greater Manchester Integrated Care Board. It has membership from clinicians and managers from regional hospitals and assisted conception providers.				
Raj Mathur	Committee member (early)	Direct Non-financial professional and personal	Co-author on review article on varicocele management by Maheshwari et al. (2020) DOI:10.1080/14647273.2020.1785117	July 2020	February 2025	Ongoing	Specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: The review article addresses a topic that is specific to the guideline, but its conclusions are not prescriptive and does not express a strong opinion on the matter under discussion, so an open declaration is sufficient.
Jason Kasraie	Committee member (early)	Direct Financial	Consultant Clinical Scientist (Andrologist & Embryologist) - HFEA Person Responsible, Head of Fertility Services, the Shrewsbury & Telford Hospitals NHS Trust	September 2008	October 2021	Ongoing	Non-specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: Salaried employment in the NHS.
Jason Kasraie	Committee member (early)	Direct Financial	Merck SMART masterclass professional advisory board (organise an annual masterclass meeting with/for Merck - we are tasked with discussing speakers and topics etc and acting as the faculty for the meeting).	January 2019	October 2021	November 2024	Specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: May need to withdraw from making recommendations if Merck products considered for inclusion, if that arises

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Jason Kasraie	Committee member (early)	Direct Non-financial professional and personal	Member of the board of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority (HFEA)	January 2021	October 2021	October 2024	Non-specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: Providing advice to HFEA, who are observers for the guideline, is not a conflict with the development of the guideline.
Jason Kasraie	Committee member (early)	Direct Non-financial professional and personal	Chair of the Association of Reproductive and Clinical Scientists (ARCS)	January 2017	October 2021	January 2022	Non-specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: Involvement in professional society is not a conflict with development of the guideline.
Jason Kasraie	Committee member (early)	Direct Non-financial professional and personal	Visiting Professor University of Chester	September 2019	October 2021	Ongoing	Non-specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: An academic role is not a conflict with development of the guideline.
Jason Kasraie	Committee member (early)	Direct Non-financial professional and personal	Member of Genomics and Reproductive Science specialist advisory committee and the Royal College of Pathologists	June 2020	October 2021	Ongoing	Non-specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: Involvement in professional organisation is not a conflict with development of the guideline.
Jason Kasraie	Committee member (early)	Direct Financial	Chair of organizing committee for IBSA pharmaceuticals 'Articulate' meeting. Receive compensation for chairing the meeting (6 meetings a year).	January 2025	February 2025	Ongoing	Specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: Some of the topics covered in these meetings may overlap with the topics covered in the guideline update. However, these scientific meetings are

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							educational, and the company has no input to the content of the talks and products are not mentioned. Payment received is proportionate. No need to withdraw.
Majed Shabbir	Committee member (early)	Direct Financial	Consultant Urological Surgeon - Specialist in Andrology and Genito-urethral Reconstruction, Guy's and St. Thomas' Hospital, London Honorary Senior Lecturer, King's College, London	July 2012	October 2021	Ongoing	Non-specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: Salaried employment in the NHS.
Majed Shabbir	Committee member (early)	Direct Financial	Private practice (private outpatient clinic 3 times a month and 2 private operating lists a month). I am an independent practitioner and have no financial interest in any clinic. My private practice mirrors my NHS practice of andrology, male infertility and genito-urethral reconstruction.	2014	October 2021	Ongoing	Specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: Agreed that this private practice is not a conflict due to limited weekly work and no financial interest in the clinic.
Majed Shabbir	Committee member (early)	Direct Financial	Receive referrals to private practice from IVF Matters. No financial interest or stake in the company, and am only sent the occasional sub-fertile man for clinical assessment and management.	November 2022	November 2022	Ongoing	Specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: Agreed that this private practice is not a conflict due to limited weekly work and no financial interest in the clinic.
Majed Shabbir	Committee member (early)	Direct Financial	Payment by Boston Scientific for teaching on annual training courses (AGOUR course for FRCS Urol)	2012	October 2021	Ongoing	Specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: May need to withdraw from making recommendations if Boston scientific products

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							considered for inclusion, if that arises
Majed Shabbir	Committee member (early)	Direct Financial	Payment by Boston Scientific for Speaking at Industry Sponsored Plenary Session at British Association of Urological Surgeons (BAUS) 2021 (on post-prostatectomy care).	June 2021	October 2021	June 2021	Non-specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: Prostatectomy is not directly related to fertility.
Majed Shabbir	Committee member (early)	Direct Non-financial professional and personal	Chair of the British Association of Urological Surgeons (BAUS) section of Andrology and Genito-urethral Reconstruction	January 2020	October 2021	January 2022	Non-specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: Involvement in a professional organisation is not a conflict with development of the guideline.
Majed Shabbir	Committee member (early)	Direct Financial	Payments from online prescribing service (MedExpress Enterprises Ltd) to provide clinical information on treatment and management of erectile dysfunction.	December 2022	December 2022	Ongoing	Non-specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: Not specific to guideline as erectile dysfunction is not included in the scope of the guideline.
Majed Shabbir	Committee member (early)	Direct Financial	Honorarium and travel expenses received for teaching activity: gave a talk on male fertility issues, 'Clinical andrology: from assessment to treatment', at Merck-sponsored event called Next Gen. The talk covered how take a salient history and examination in men with fertility issues, and how to assess and improve their general health and with it their fertility (i.e stop smoking, treat	November 2023	November 2023	November 2023	Specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: May need to withdraw from making recommendations if Merck products considered for inclusion, if that arises.

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			diabetes, lose weight, improve diet). It included the standard surgical approaches which are used to treat obstruction and to retrieve sperm and did not promote any pharmaceutical products.				
Majed Shabbir	Committee member (early)	Direct Non-financial professional and personal	Co-authored review article on varicocele treatment by Yan et al (2019). doi:10.1080/14647273.2019.1582807	2019	February 2025	Ongoing	Specific. Partial exclusion. The Committee member will be permitted to remain for discussion of the evidence review for varicocele to answer questions of fact. The Committee member will withdraw from further discussion and formulation of the draft recommendations for this topic. Rationale: The paper expresses an opinion directly relevant to this guideline. It reviews the evidence about the effect of treating varicocele on male fertility and makes specific conclusions for future recommendation making.
Kate Brian	Lay member	Direct Financial	Operations Manager, Fertility Network UK	Interest arose more than 12 months before appointment	October 2022	Ongoing	Non-specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: Salaried employment in a not-for-profit organisation.
Kate Brian	Lay member	Direct Financial	Editor, Journal of Fertility Counselling	Interest arose more than 12 months	October 2022	Ongoing	Non-specific. Declare and participate.

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				before appointment			Rationale: Editing a journal is not a conflict with development of the guideline
Kate Brian	Lay member	Direct Financial	Lay Editor, Reproduction and Fertility	Interest arose more than 12 months before appointment	October 2022	Ongoing	Non-specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: Editing a journal is not a conflict with development of the guideline
Kate Brian	Lay member	Direct Financial	Author of four books related to fertility - no current royalty payments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'In pursuit of parenthood' • 'Precious babies: pregnancy, birth and parenting after infertility' • 'The complete guide to female fertility' • 'The complete guide to IVF'. 	Interest arose more than 12 months before appointment	October 2022	Ongoing	Non-specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: Books are information guides and so are not in conflict with the development of the guideline.
Kate Brian	Lay member	Direct Financial	Lay examiner, RCOG	Interest arose more than 12 months before appointment	October 2022	Ongoing	Non-specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: Not specific to the guideline
Kate Brian	Lay member	Direct Financial	Lay representative, Health Education England	Interest arose more than 12 months before appointment	October 2022	Ongoing	Non-specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: Not specific to the guideline
Kate Brian	Lay member	Direct Non-financial professional	Honorary Fellow, RCOG	2021	October 2022	Ongoing	Non-specific. Declare and participate.

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		or personal interest					Rationale: Not specific to guideline
Kate Brian	Lay member	Direct Non-financial professional or personal interest	Lay member, HFEA	Interest arose more than 12 months before appointment	October 2022	2020	Non-specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: Membership of HFEA ended more than 12 months before the start of guideline development.
Kate Brian	Lay member	Direct Non-financial professional or personal interest	Lay member, Stop OHSS trial committee	2021	October 2022	Ongoing	Non-specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: Management of OHSS is not a topic included in the scope of this update.
Kate Brian	Lay member	Direct Non-financial professional or personal interest	Member, HFEA's Scientific and Clinical Advances Advisory Committee	Interest arose more than 12 months before appointment	October 2022	May 2024	Non-specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: Interest ceased
Kate Brian	Lay member	Direct Non-financial professional or personal interest	Member, RCOG Genomics Task Force	2020	October 2022	May 2024	Non-specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: Interest ceased.
Kate Brian	Lay member	Direct Non-financial professional or personal interest	Unpaid work for a newly registered charity The Fertility Alliance. The charity will be focused on providing support and evidence-based information about fertility.	January 2024	January 2024	Ongoing	Non-specific Declare and participate. Rationale: Working for a charity is not a conflict with the development of the guideline.

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Kate Brian	Lay member	Direct Financial	Commenting on fertility wellbeing app	June 2024	June 2024	June 2024	Non-specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: Does not specifically relate to guideline topics, providing comments on a wellbeing app does not conflict with the development of the guideline.
Kate Brian	Lay member	Direct Financial	Providing lay input to QMUL Building Bridges Impact Project.	June 2024	June 2024	Ongoing	Specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: Project relates to fertility treatment add-ons which is within the remit of the guideline update. However, giving lay input to their project does not conflict with the development of the guideline.
Ciaran Hannington	Lay member	Direct Financial	Currently employed as a Learning Support Mentor at Ackworth School. Also works with the same employer as a strength and conditioning coach, supervising the gym for the boarding pupils.	Interest arose more than 12 months before appointment	November 2022	Ongoing	Non-specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: Salaried employment in the education sector.
Ciaran Hannington	Lay member	Direct Non-financial professional or personal interest	Fertility Network UK Ambassador - role is to raise the profile of the charity, whilst also working to raise awareness for those facing fertility challenges.	November 2022	November 2022	Ongoing	Specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: Working as an ambassador for a charity is not a conflict with the development of the guideline
Ciaran Hannington	Lay member	Direct Financial	Paid employment for developing personal training programmes for men preparing for fertility treatments. Record videos, blogs and training	November 2023	December 2023	Ongoing	Specific. Partial exclusion.

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			<p>plans centered around fitness support for fertility, to provide guidance to men going through fertility journeys to improve their fitness whilst ensuring this fitness plan doesn't have a detrimental effect on their fertility.</p> <p>Previously done this for free but I have now begun to charge for my services (November 2023).</p> <p>Several partnerships are being developed currently. Will notify when confirmed.</p>				<p>Rationale: If lifestyle advice such as promoting weight loss, healthy diet and exercise are considered as interventions of interest in any evidence review, the member will be asked to withdraw from recommendation making related to this because it relates to his business activity.</p>
Ciaran Hannington	Lay member	Direct Financial	Podcast host for "The Male Fertility Podcast". Sponsored by Exseed Health.	November 2023	December 2023	Ongoing	<p>Non-specific.</p> <p>Declare and participate.</p> <p>Rationale: Podcast sponsor produces sperm testing kits but this is not covered by the guideline update and therefore there is no conflict of interest.</p>
Ciaran Hannington	Lay member	Direct Non-financial professional or personal interest	Fertility Network UK HIMfertility attendee - monthly group to support other men embarking on, going through or dealing with the outcome of their fertility journey.	September 2020	November 2022	Ongoing	<p>Non-specific.</p> <p>Declare and participate.</p> <p>Rationale: Providing support to other men is not a conflict with the development of the guideline.</p>
Ciaran Hannington	Lay member	Direct Non-financial professional or personal interest	<p>I along with my co-founder have launched an online support platform for men facing fertility challenges, named, NeXYs Fertility Ltd. Here is a brief description of the platform.</p> <p>NeXys is a professional digital platform focused on supporting men experiencing fertility challenges. It</p>	April 2025	April 2025	Ongoing	<p>Non-specific.</p> <p>Declare and participate.</p> <p>Rationale: Providing support to other men by providing access to education and support resources is not a conflict with the development of the guideline.</p>

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			<p>provides access to expert-led resources including support groups, educational content, and wellbeing programs. The platform aims to improve awareness, education, and engagement around male fertility, promoting informed decision-making and holistic support for individuals and their partners.</p> <p>I have yet to take any financial gain from the platform, but may do soon. Additionally, we are looking for investment. However, this has not occurred yet.</p>				If financial gain or investment occurs this will be considered separately as a financial interest.
Nicky Hudson	Committee member	Direct Financial	<p>Professor in Medical Sociology, School of Applied Social Sciences, De Montfort University.</p> <p>Director – Centre for Reproduction Research - De Montfort University</p>	Interest arose more than 12 months before appointment	October 2022	Ongoing	<p>Non-specific.</p> <p>Declare and participate.</p> <p>Rationale: Salaried employment in academia.</p>
Nicky Hudson	Committee member	Direct Non-financial professional or personal interest	Publications and research focused on fertility patient experiences, donor experiences.	Interest arose more than 12 months before appointment	October 2022	Ongoing	<p>Non-specific.</p> <p>Potential partial exclusion.</p> <p>Rationale: Studies on patient/donor experiences are unlikely to form part of the evidence base for the guideline's reviews. If published work expressed strong opinions, will need to withdraw from discussions relating to these topics, if this arises.</p>
Nicky Hudson	Committee member	Direct Financial	Received research funding related to fertility	Interest arose more than 12 months before appointment	October 2022	Ongoing	<p>Non-specific.</p> <p>Declare and participate.</p>

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				months before appointment			Rationale: Research in fertility-related topics in general is not a conflict with development of the guideline.
Nicky Hudson	Committee member	Direct Non-financial professional or personal interest	Member of the British Fertility Society's Law Policy and Ethics Special Interest Group. This role involves giving advice to the British Fertility Society regarding the landscape of fertility treatment and policy.	2021	October 2022	Ongoing	Non-specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: Expertise in fertility landscape is not a conflict with development of the guideline.
Nicky Hudson	Committee member	Direct Financial	Participated in a review of the scope of a Priority Research and Equipment Programme (PEPR) on "Women's Health and Couples Health" by the French government (Agence Nationale de la Recherche/French National Research Agency (ANR)) as a member of the Scientific and Technological Committee (CSTP) that will be in charge of orienting and evaluating the actions. There was an honorarium for this stage of the review.	November 2022	April 2023	Ongoing	Non-specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: Participation in review is not a conflict with development of the guideline.
Nicky Hudson	Committee member	Direct Financial	Asked to give a talk on Women's Health at the GMC. There is a small honorarium associated with this talk.	April 2023	April 2023	May 2023	Non-specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: Giving a presentation on women's health generally is not a conflict with development of the guideline.
Nicky Hudson	Committee member	Direct Financial	I have been invited to join the external review panel for a university-funded research programme on human reproduction at the University of Zurich: University Research Priority Programs University of Zurich UZH	August 2023	October 2023	April 2024	Non-specific. Declare and participate.

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			This is a one-off review (taking place over 2 days, unless re-invited) and there is an honorarium associated with this role. It will take place in March 2024.				Rationale: Participation in review is not a conflict with development of the guideline.
Nicky Hudson	Committee member	Direct Non-financial professional or personal interest	Invited to sit on the advisory board of a new UK fertility charity – the Fertility Alliance	January 2024	January 2024	Ongoing	Non-specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: Working for a charity is not a conflict with the development of the guideline.
Nicky Hudson	Committee member	Direct Non-financial professional or personal interest	I have been invited to give a keynote talk at the Australia and New Zealand Fertility Societies annual conference. The talk covers egg donation and expanded carrier screening. The conference and one of the panel discussions is partly sponsored by Merck, though I won't personally receive remuneration. My travel and accommodation will be reimbursed.	06/09/2025	April 2025	10/09/2025	Non-specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: Talk is not specific to evidence reviews covered by the update. No personal payment.
Nicky Hudson	Committee member	Direct Non-financial professional or personal interest	I have been invited to speak at the UK Fertility 2026 conference on the topic of expanded carrier screening in gamete donation. My travel and accommodation is paid for but I will not be paid for speaking.	08/01/2026	April 2025	10/01/2026	Non-specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: Talk is not specific to evidence reviews covered by the update. No personal payment.
Nicky Hudson	Committee member	Direct Non-financial professional or personal interest	I have been invited to speak at the first scientific symposium of the 'Women's Health, Couples' Health' Research Programme, INSERM, France, to be	24/11/2025	April 2025	25/11/2025	Non-specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: Talk is generic and not specific to any particular product or intervention. No personal payment.

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			held in Paris on November 24-25, 2025. I have been asked to speak on the importance of humanities and social science research in the field of reproductive health. My travel and accommodation will be paid for.				
Nicky Hudson	Committee member	Direct Non-financial professional or personal interest	I have previously declared an invitation to speak at the Australia and New Zealand fertility societies conference 6-9th September, 2025. In addition to the original declaration, business class travel is being provided by Merck, one of the sponsors. I will speak at Merck's pre-congress workshop on expanded carrier screening for gamete donors on 7th September.	12/05/2025	23/05/2025	10/09/2025	Non-specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: Update to original declaration reflects reasonable travel expenses. Talk is not specific to evidence reviews covered by the update. No personal payment.
Stuart Lavery	Committee member	Direct Financial	Divisional Director Women's Health UCLH Consultant Gynaecologist, Subspecialist in Reproductive Medicine and Surgery UCLH	Interest arose more than 12 months before appointment	October 2022	Ongoing	Non-specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: Salaried employment in the NHS.
Stuart Lavery	Committee member	Direct Financial	Private practice: shareholder in Aria Fertility (company through which private practice is run).	Interest arose more than 12 months before appointment	October 2022	Ongoing	Specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: Private practice is limited due to role at UCL, and so not a conflict with development of the guideline. Update June 2025: NICE has reviewed the register of interests document for members of

							<p>the fertility problems committee and have identified an error on the part of NICE in the handling of committee member Stuart Lavery's declaration of interests. Mr Lavery declared shareholdings in two companies related to fertility – Aria Fertility and TMRW Lifesciences. Mr Lavery's shareholdings represent a direct financial interest and are recorded as such in the register of interests.</p> <p>On review, NICE's recording and management of the declaration about Aria Fertility was in error and did not address the shareholding clearly as a conflict of interest.</p> <p>Under the NICE policy on declaring and managing interests for NICE advisory committees v1.6 Para 19, a member with a direct financial interest may participate if their complete exclusion from the meeting would diminish the committee's access to clinical expertise on the matter under discussion. NICE believes that this is the case for Mr Lavery. Decisions on managing interests must balance the need for advisory committees to have access to the appropriate expertise on the areas under consideration, while minimising the risks to their perceived ability to objectively consider the evidence. (<i>Policy on declaring and managing interests for NICE advisory committees v1.6 Para 27</i>).</p>
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							<p>We have updated the register of interests to make this clear.</p> <p>In addition to updating the register, the other members of the fertility guideline committee have been contacted with the corrected information and given the opportunity to reconsider their conclusions on the recommendations. The committee members decided that no changes were needed as a result of this corrected information.</p> <p>There is no suggestion that Mr Lavery did not declare the interest, or that there was any attempt to conceal the interest. No criticism of Mr Lavery should be read or inferred from this document.</p>
Stuart Lavery	Committee member	Direct Financial	Directorship of Juno Healthcare Partners Ltd A company offering women's healthcare in the private sector.	2020	October 2022	Ongoing	<p>Non-specific.</p> <p>Declare and participate.</p> <p>Rationale: payment for the directorship does not depend on patient throughput or nature of interventions so not a conflict with development of the guideline.</p>
Stuart Lavery	Committee member	Direct Financial	Paid speaker for Ferring Ltd to chair a meeting	2021	October 2022	2021	<p>Specific.</p> <p>Declare and participate.</p> <p>Rationale: Will need to withdraw from making recommendations</p>

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							relating to Ferring products, should this arise.
Stuart Lavery	Committee member	Direct Financial	Paid speaker for LD Collins	2022	October 2022	2022	Specific Declare and participate. Rationale: Will need to withdraw from making recommendations relating to LD Collins products, should this arise.
Stuart Lavery	Committee member	Direct Non-financial professional or personal interest	Member of advisory board for Progress Educational Trust	Interest arose more than 12 months before appointment	October 2022	Ongoing	Non-specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: Membership of advisory board to a charity is not a conflict with development of the guideline.
Stuart Lavery	Committee member	Direct Non-financial professional or personal interest	Executive committee of the British Fertility Society	Interest arose more than 12 months before appointment	October 2022	Ongoing	Non-specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: Membership of the committee of a professional society is not a conflict with development of the guideline.
Stuart Lavery	Committee member	Direct Financial	Shareholder in TMRW Lifesciences	2021	October 2022	Ongoing	Specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: Will need to withdraw from making recommendations

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							relating to TMRW lifesciences products, should this arise.
Kevin McEleny	Committee member	Direct Financial	Consultant Urologist with special interest in Andrology, Newcastle-upon-Tyne Hospital NHS Trust	Interest arose more than 12 months before appointment	October 2022	Ongoing	Non-specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: Salaried employment in the NHS.
Kevin McEleny	Committee member	Direct Financial	Private practice (mainly general urology, some fertility)	2010	October 2022	Ongoing	Specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: Private practice is not on a fee per case basis so not a conflict with the development of the guideline
Kevin McEleny	Committee member	Direct Financial	Paid speaker at Merck webinar.	2022	October 2022	2022	Specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: Will need to withdraw from making recommendations relating to Merck products, should this arise.
Kevin McEleny	Committee member	Direct Financial	Paid speaker at Merck conference	November 2022	October 2022	November 2022	Specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: Will need to withdraw from making recommendations relating to Merck products, should this arise.

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Kevin McEleny	Committee member	Direct Non-financial professional or personal interest	British Fertility Society Executive Committee Member since 2013 – currently Secretary	Interest arose more than 12 months before appointment	October 2022	Ongoing	Non-specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: Membership of professional society is not a conflict with the development of the guideline.
Kevin McEleny	Committee member	Direct Non-financial professional or personal interest	Published review papers on varicocele and fertility: Co-authored paper by Yan et al (2019) DOI: 10.1080/14647273.2019.1582807 Co-authored paper by Maheshwari et al (2020) DOI: 10.1080/14647273.2020.1785117	March 2019 and October 2020	October 2022	Ongoing	Specific. Potential partial exclusion. Rationale: If published work expressed strong opinions, will need to withdraw from discussions relating to these topics, if this arises.
Kevin McEleny	Committee member	Indirect	Represented British Fertility Society (stakeholder organisation) at the NICE fertility problems guideline scoping meeting in March 2022.	March 2022	October 2022	March 2022	Specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: Not a conflict of interest, was not part of the committee at the time and representation of society has now ended.
Kevin McEleny	Committee member	Direct Financial	Attending Indian Fertility Society meeting as invited speaker. BFS and IFS are covering my travel and accommodation costs. (Speaking on male assessment and male fertility experience).	December 2022	October 2022	December 2022	Specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: Presenting at international conference is not a conflict with development of guideline. Expenses paid by professional societies is not a conflict with development of the guideline.

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Kevin McEleny	Committee member	Direct Financial	Sponsored by British Fertility Society to attend a conference in Belfast, to conduct committee business.	January 2023	January 2023	January 2023	Non-specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: Attending a professional conference is not a conflict with development of guideline; expenses paid by professional societies is not a conflict with development of the guideline.
Kevin McEleny	Committee member	Direct Financial	Honorarium for presenting lecture on surgical sperm retrieval at an event organised by Merck.	January 2023	January 2023	January 2023	Specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: Will need to withdraw from making recommendations relating to Merck products, should this arise.
Kevin McEleny	Committee member	Direct Financial	Gave talk on MicroTESE to Senior Trainees in Reproductive Medicine Group, Manchester. My standard return train fare, hotel room and meal were paid for by Ferring (via STIRMAS) - no honorarium. I never comment on the use of drugs for female reproductive care at NICE.	November 2023	December 2023	November 2023	Specific. Declare and participate Rationale: Micro-TESE is specific to the guideline but no honorarium received and on balance no action is warranted.
Kevin McEleny	Committee member	Direct Financial	Attendance at 'Fertility 2024' will be paid for by the British Fertility Society (accommodation, travel, meals, registration)	January 2024	December 2023	January 2024	Non-specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: Attending a professional conference is not a conflict with development of the guideline; expenses paid by professional

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							societies is not a conflict with development of the guideline.
Kevin McEleny	Committee member	Direct Non-financial professional or personal interest	Chair, British Fertility Society (stood down as Secretary on appointment)	January 2024	January 2024	Ongoing	Non-specific Declare and participate. Rationale: Involvement in professional society is not a conflict with development of the guideline.
Kevin McEleny	Committee member	Direct Non-financial professional interest	NOREG meeting speaker. Meal accommodation and travel expenses covered by Northern Reproductive Endocrinology Group.	September 2024	August 2024	September 2024	Specific Declare and participate Rationale: Teaching talk about sperm retrieval, no mention of NICE guidance. Expenses only.
Kevin McEleny	Committee member	Direct Non-financial professional interest	BFS male fertility study day. Accommodation and travel expenses covered by BFS.	September 2024	August 2024	September 2024	Specific Declare and participate Rationale: Teaching talk about sperm retrieval, no mention of NICE guidance. Expenses only.
Guy Morris	Committee member	Direct Financial	Subspecialty Trainee Reproductive Medicine and Surgery St. Michael's Hospital Bristol, Southmead Hospital Bristol, Bristol Centre for Reproductive Medicine	Interest arose more than 12 months before appointment	November 2022	Ongoing	Non-specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: Salaried employment in the NHS.
Guy Morris	Committee member	Direct Financial	Works at Bristol Centre for Reproductive Medicine, fertility clinic as part of NHS training. I do not have private patients of my own. I have done some paid work for the clinic	Interest arose more than 12 months	November 2022	Ongoing	Specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: This private practice is not a conflict due to limited work

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			including open evenings and occasional additional clinics.	before appointment			and no financial interest in the clinic or numbers of patients treated.
Guy Morris	Committee member	Direct Financial	Received an educational grant from Pharmasure to attend the ESHRE meeting in Milan July 2022 - £500.	June 2022	November 2022	June 2022	Specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: May need to withdraw from making recommendations if Pharmasure products considered for inclusion, if that arises.
Guy Morris	Committee member	Direct Financial	Previously worked as a clinical research fellow at the Reproductive Medicine Unit at UCLH. In that role my time was split between UCLH and the Centre for Reproductive and Genetic Health (CRGH). I received 50% of my wage from UCLH and 50% from CRGH.	May 2018	November 2022	April 2020	Non-specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: Interest arose and ended more than 12 months prior to recruitment.
Guy Morris	Committee member	Direct Non-financial professional or personal interest	Member of British Fertility Society – I have been asked to speak during the BFS teaching week on 'Anatomy of uterus, cervix and tubes'.	August 2018	November 2022	Ongoing	Non-specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: Membership of a professional society and participating in its meetings is not a conflict with the development of the guideline
Guy Morris	Committee member	Direct Non-financial professional or personal interest	Member of Fertility preservation Special Interest Group in the British Fertility Society	May 2019	November 2022	Ongoing	Specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: Membership of a professional society is not a conflict with the development of the guideline

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Guy Morris	Committee member	Direct Non-financial professional or personal interest	Member of the European Society of Human Reproduction and Embryology (ESHRE) – I have attended meetings organised by ESHRE focusing on Fertility Preservation – eCampus 2022 Fertility Preservation in Benign Conditions and Fertility Preservation Campus in Copenhagen 2018.	June 2021	November 2022	Ongoing	Specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: Membership of a professional society and participating in its meetings is not a conflict with the development of the guideline
Guy Morris	Committee member	Direct Non-financial professional or personal interest	Member of the British Menopause Society	June 2021	November 2022	Ongoing	Non-specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: Not specific to guideline, and membership of a professional society is not a conflict with the development of the guideline.
Guy Morris	Committee member	Direct Non-financial professional or personal interest	Member of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists	June 2016	November 2022	Ongoing	Non-specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: Not specific to guideline, and membership of a professional society is not a conflict with the development of the guideline.
Guy Morris	Committee member	Indirect	My supervisors for the subspecialty training program are Ms Amanda Jefferys and Mr Valentine Akande. Mr Akande is Medical Director and lead clinician of the Bristol Centre for Reproductive Medicine (BCRM) and Ms Jefferys is also medical director of BCRM.	May 2021	November 2022	Ongoing	Non-specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: No potential to derive personal gain from supervisors' links with BCRM.
Guy Morris	Committee member	Direct Financial	Sponsorship from Gedeon Richter to attend European Society of Human	June 2023	June 2023	July 2023	Specific. Declare and participate.

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			Reproduction and Embryology (ESHRE) 2023 meeting.				Rationale: May need to withdraw from making recommendations if Gedeon Richter products considered for inclusion, if that arises.
Allan Pacey	Committee member	Direct Financial	Deputy Vice Present and Deputy Dean of the Faculty of Biology, Medicine and Health, University of Manchester	July 2023	July 2023	Ongoing	Non-specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: Salaried employment in academia.
Allan Pacey	Committee member	Direct Non-financial professional or personal interest	Trustee of the Progress Educational Trust	October 2015	November 2022	Ongoing	Non-specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: Acting as a Trustee of a charity is not a conflict with development of the guideline.
Allan Pacey	Committee member	Direct Non-financial professional or personal interest	Temporary Adviser to the World Health Organisation Guideline Development Group for global guidelines on the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of infertility	March 2018	November 2022	Ongoing	Specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: Providing advice to WHO on fertility is not a conflict with the development of the guideline
Allan Pacey	Committee member	Direct Non-financial professional or personal interest	Interim Head of Department of Infection, Immunity and Cardiovascular Disease. University of Sheffield	February 2021	November 2022	August 2023	Non-specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: Not specific to the guideline.

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Allan Pacey	Committee member	Indirect	Chair of the Cryos International External Scientific Advisory Committee Contract with Cryos is with the University of Sheffield.	September 2019	November 2022	Ongoing	Specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: May need to withdraw from making recommendations if Cryos products considered for inclusion, if that arises.
Allan Pacey	Committee member	Indirect	Member of the CytoSwim Ltd Scientifics Advisory Board Contract with Cytoswim is with the University of Sheffield.	October 2019	November 2022	Ongoing	Specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: May need to withdraw from making recommendations if CytoSwim products considered for inclusion, if that arises.
Allan Pacey	Committee member	Indirect	Member of the Scientific Advisory Board for ExSEED Health Contract with ExSEED is with the University of Sheffield.	October 2019	November 2022	Ongoing	Non-specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: ExSEED produces sperm home test kits which are not specific to topics covered in the guideline.
Allan Pacey	Committee member	Indirect	On-line webinar delivered for Merck Serono about male infertility Contract with Merck is with the University of Sheffield.	March 2022	November 2022	Ongoing	Specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: May need to withdraw from making recommendations if Merck products considered for inclusion, if that arises

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Allan Pacey	Committee member	Indirect	Grantholder on an ESRC funded grant entitled 'Forging new families in contemporary contexts: Exploring interpersonal relationships, power and abuses of power within online sperm donation'.	June 2022	November 2022	Ongoing	Non-specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: Online sperm donation is not within the scope of the guideline update.
Allan Pacey	Committee member	Non-financial professional interest	Patron, The Fertility Alliance (Charity Number 1206323) from April 2024.	April 2024	May 2024	Ongoing	Non-specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: Involvement in a charity organisation is not a conflict with a development of this guideline.
Allan Pacey	Committee member	Indirect	Lecture on sperm sorting techniques to be delivered for IBSA Institut Biochimique SA (April 2024). His university received payment for his time.	April 2024	May 2024	April 2024	Specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: Member did not receive any payment personally.
Yasmin Rahman	Committee member	Direct Financial	GP Thamesmead Medical Associates, Gallions Reach Health Centre, London	Interest arose more than 12 months before appointment	October 2022	Ongoing	Non-specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: Salaried employment in the NHS.
Yasmin Rahman	Committee member	Direct Non-financial professional or personal interest	RCGP First 5 committee member	2021	October 2022	Ongoing	Non-specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: Not specific to guideline.
Yasmin Rahman	Committee member	Direct Non-financial professional	RCGP South London Faculty Member	Interest arose more than 12 months	October 2022	Ongoing	Non-specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: Not specific to guideline.

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Yasmin Rahman	Committee member	Direct Financial	LMC co-opted salaried member	October 2021	October 2022	Ongoing	Non-specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: Not specific to guideline.
Bethan Shoemark-Spear	Lay member	Direct Financial	Wales Project Worker, Fertility Network UK. Runs support groups including the LGBTQ+ peer group	March 2022	October 2022	March 2025	Non-specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: Salaried employment for a not-for-profit organisation.
Bethan Shoemark-Spear	Lay member	Direct Financial	Strategic Development, Partnership and Policy Manager for Age Connects Morgan.	October 2022	December 2022	Ongoing	Non-specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: Not specific to the guideline
Bethan Shoemark-Spear	Lay member	Direct Non-financial professional or personal interest	Ambassador - Fertility Alliance (charity and a volunteer role). Share my experience as a fertility patient, represent the charity at events, potentially provide support for an LGBTQ+ fertility support group. Ongoing role.	01/04/2025	August 2025	Ongoing	Non-specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: Working as an ambassador for a charity is not a conflict with the development of the guideline
Bethan Shoemark-Spear	Lay member	Direct Non-financial professional or personal interest	HFEA - patient panel member. Share my experience of being a parent of a donor conceived child. Have written blogs for them for Pride month. Voluntary role and ongoing.	01/04/2025	August 2025	Ongoing	Non-specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: Providing patient experience expertise to HFEA, who are observers for the guideline, is not a conflict with the development of the guideline.

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Bethan Shoemark-Spear	Lay member	Direct Non-financial professional or personal interest	Donor conception network (charity) - have been asked to speak at their conference on my lived experience of having a donor conceived son, and donating my own eggs. Voluntary role. One off role.	04/10/2025	August 2025	04/10/2025	Non-specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: Working for a charity is not a conflict with the development of the guideline.
Francesca Steyn	Committee member	Direct Financial	Employed full time by Peppy Health which is a private digital healthcare company. Leads the fertility and women's health services at this company.	Interest arose more than 12 months before appointment	November 2022	May 2024	Non-specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: Salaried employment in the health sector.
Francesca Steyn	Committee member	Direct Non-financial professional or personal interest	Chair of the RCN Fertility Nursing Forum	January 2021	November 2022	Ongoing	Non-specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: Membership of a professional forum is not a conflict with development of the guideline
Francesca Steyn	Committee member	Direct Non-financial professional or personal interest	Member of the HFEA advisory group – Legislative Reform Advisory Group	April 2022	November 2022	Ongoing	Non-specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: Guideline development team will coordinate with HFEA so involvement with HFEA is not a conflict with development of the guideline.
Francesca Steyn	Committee member	Direct Non-financial professional or personal interest	Co-authored DHSC guidance on Care in Surrogacy – published 2018.	2017	November 2022	2018	Non-specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: Interest arose and ended more than 12 months before recruitment.

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Francesca Steyn	Committee member	Direct Non-financial professional or personal interest	Senior Infertility Nurses Group – on behalf of the Royal College of Nursing fertility nursing forum as part of a collaboration between the professional societies for nursing training and education.	2021	November 2022	Ongoing	Non-specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: Membership of a professional forum is not a conflict with development of the guideline.
Francesca Steyn	Committee member	Direct Financial	Chair of the Insights Fertility nurses Meeting 2023. A 2-day education and CPD event for fertility nurses across the country organised by Merck. I will receive an honorarium for this role.	March 2023	March 2023	September 2023	Non-specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: Will have to withdraw from discussions on Merck products, should this arise.
Francesca Steyn	Committee member	Direct Non-financial professional or personal interest	Invited to sit on the advisory board of a new UK fertility charity – the Fertility Alliance.	January 2024	January 2024	Ongoing	Non-specific Declare and participate. Rationale: Working for a charity is not a conflict with the development of the guideline.
Francesca Steyn	Committee member	Direct Financial	Starting new role as a Clinical Services Manager at the Wales Fertility Institute – planned start date 7th May 2024.	May 2024	March 2024	Ongoing	Non-specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: Salaried employment in the health sector.
Peter Taylor	Committee member	Direct Financial	Assistant Director of Public Health Commissioning with Norfolk County Council. Responsible for all aspects of LA funded public healthcare services, though these do not include the commissioning of fertility/assisted conception or broader gynecological provision.	Interest arose more than 12 months before appointment	November 2022	Ongoing	Non-specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: Salaried employment in local government.

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Peter Taylor	Committee member	Direct Financial	Various – consultancy on commissioning in the NHS, through a number of agencies. On occasion the request can be in relation to fertility. The advice given is always generic; relates to publicly available information; and/ or is my own view of current events / developments that are in the public sphere.	December 2012	November 2022	Ongoing	Non-specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: No consultancy work pertaining to fertility has been carried out in the last 12 months. No vested interest in advising any particular methods or products.
Peter Taylor	Committee member	Direct Non-financial professional or personal interest	Trustee for the charity Progress Educational Trust	May 2018	November 2022	Ongoing	Non-specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: Trustee of a charity is not a conflict with development of the guideline.
Peter Taylor	Committee member	Direct Non-financial professional or personal interest	Chair the Advisory Committee of Progress Educational Trust, which consists of a large group of experts in the fields of genetic science, academia, infertility, and healthcare providing guidance to the organisation and its trustees.	March 2020	November 2022	Ongoing	Non-specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: Working on advisory board to a charity is not a conflict with development of the guideline.
Peter Taylor	Committee member	Direct Non-financial professional or personal interest	Unremunerated Director of Spectra CIC – a not for profit, London based organisation that delivers sexual health focused, peer-based services to under-served communities (predominately LGBTQ+; Black and minority ethnic people of all sexualities and gender identities; and young people).	November 2019	November 2022	Ongoing	Non-specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: Not specific to guideline
Peter Taylor	Committee member	Direct Non-financial professional	Spectra Charity – a trustee for this charity, which is a linked organisation to the CIC.	February 2021	November 2022	Ongoing	Non-specific. Declare and participate.

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		or personal interest					Rationale: Not specific to guideline
Peter Taylor	Committee member	Direct Non-financial professional or personal interest	SeeAbility – currently being appointed as a Trustee for this Charity that specialises in supporting people who have learning disabilities or autism, who may also have sight loss.	November 2022	November 2022	Ongoing	Non-specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: Not specific to guideline
Peter Taylor	Committee member	Direct Non-financial professional or personal interest	NIHR – serves as a Reviewer for the National Institute of Health Research, invited to review Stage 2 submissions where the proposed project includes key elements relating to the commissioning of NHS or LA funded healthcare.	July 2018	November 2022	Ongoing	Non-specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: Not specific to guideline
Dr Hugo Pedder	Member of the NICE Technical Support Unit (based in University of Bristol, providing technical support for NICE teams on complex statistical analyses)	Direct Financial	Expected to be undertaking work for the Centre for Reproductive and Genetic Health on an analysis of ethnicity and embryo euploidy. May also undertake work on other projects in the future (e.g. cost-effectiveness analysis of Pre-Implantation Genetic Testing for Aneuploidy), though this is uncertain at this time and will be updated going forwards.	October 2023	October 2023	Ongoing	Non-specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: Analysis of ethnicity and embryo euploidy is not specific to the guideline. (PGTA is within the remit of the guideline scope, however, Dr Pedder will not be involved in that work so if the project happens, this will not pose a conflict of interest.)