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Neonatal Infection Guideline Update Committee meeting 1

Date: 19/11/2025

Location: Zoom

Minutes: Final

NICE National Institute for
Health and Care Excellence

Committee members present:	
Sarah Fishburn (Chair)	Present for notes 1 – 11
Maggie Blott (Topic Adviser)	Present for notes 1 – 11
Alena Chong	(Present for notes 2 (part) – 11)
Maria Clark	Present for notes 1 – 11
Sophie House	Present for notes 1 – 9 (part)
Chimwemwe Kalumbi	Present for notes 1 – 11
Bryony Kendall	Present for notes 1 – 11
Lucy O'Malley	Present for notes 1 – 11
Makrina Savvidou	Present for notes 1 – 11
Ashifa Trivedi	Present for notes 1 – 11
Aung Soe	Present for notes 1 - 7 (part) 9 (part) – 11
Melanie Carpenter	Present for notes 1 – 7 (part)
Paul Heath	Present for notes 1 - 7 (part) 9 (part) – 11
Harriet Aughey - Expert witness - Neonatal consultant, Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital	Present for notes 5
Katie Evans - Expert witness - Neonatal ST8 Speciality Trainee, St Peters Hospital Surrey	Present for notes 5
Peter Reynolds - Expert witness - Consultant Neonatologist, St Peters Hospital Surrey	Present for notes 5
Niamh Scally - Expert witness - Paediatric Registrar and Honorary Research Fellow, St Georges Hospital	Present for notes 5

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In attendance:		
Ayisha Ashmore	Clinical Fellow	Present for notes 7 – 11
Matthew Bosworth	Technical Analyst	Present for notes 1 – 11
Sarah Dwyer	Technical Analyst	Present for notes 1 – 11
Paul Jacklin	Health Economics Adviser	Present for notes 1 – 11
Maija Kallioinen	Topic Lead	Present for notes 1 – 11
Vonda Murray	Project Manager	Present for notes 1 – 11
Suzie Panek	Resource Impact Lead	Present for notes 1 – 11
Joanna Perkin	Guidance Content Designer	Present for notes 1 – 11
Sharangini Rajesh	Senior Technical Analyst	Present for notes 1 – 11

Observers:	
Mehnaz Juwale	Present for notes 1 - 7 (part) 9 (part) – 11
Georgia Lane	Present for notes 1 - 7 (part) 9 (part) – 11

Apologies:	
Sarah Griffiths (SG)	Committee member - Anaesthetist
Sophie McAllister (SM)	Committee member - Community midwife
Cheryl Pace (CP)	NICE - Medicines Adviser
Frances Rivers (FR)	Committee member - Community midwife
Tim Watts (TW)	Committee member - Neonatologist

1. Welcome and objectives for the meeting

The Chair welcomed the Committee members and attendees to the first meeting on Neonatal Infection Guideline Update. The Committee members and attendees introduced

The Chair informed the Committee that apologies had been received. These are noted above.

The Chair outlined the objectives of the meeting, which included reviewing the evidence for switching from intravenous to oral antibiotics for suspected early-onset neonatal infection and the timing of prelabour rupture of membranes to birth and risk of early onset neonatal infection in singleton pregnancies at term.

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2. Introductions committee, DOI's

The committee and NICE team introduced themselves,

The Chair asked everyone to verbally declare any interests that have arisen since the last meeting.

Name	Job title, organisation	Declarations of Interest, date declared	Type of interest	Decision taken
Bryony Kendall	Named GP for safeguarding, NHS Cheshire and Merseyside Salaried GP with Primary Care:24.	Participate in the Women's Health Roundtable: Preconception Health and Post-Pregnancy Prevention of Long Term Conditions. A wide-ranging, solution-focused discussion on how to translate ambitions set in the current Women's Health Strategy, into tangible commitments and actions	Direct, non-financial personal and professional	Non-specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: Not specific to guideline.
Maria Clark	Lay member	Non exec director for - Rotherham Doncaster and South Humber (NHS Trust).	Direct, financial	Non-specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: They do not provide any services related to the scope of the guideline.

The Chair and a senior member of the Developer team noted that the interests

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declared did not prevent the attendees from fully participating in the meeting.

The Chair asked the Committee if it wanted any changes made to the minutes of the last meeting. The Committee suggested the following changes:

- Alena Chong did not attend the committee meeting

The Chair confirmed that all matters arising had been completed or were in hand.

3. Introductions NICE Team

- **Name, job title**

Covered in agenda item 2

4. Evidence review: Oral antibiotics

- **Evidence review: clinical effectiveness and health economics**

The Chair introduced Matthew Bosworth, Technical Analyst who gave a presentation on the clinical evidence review on switching from intravenous to oral antibiotics for suspected early-onset neonatal infection. The Committee then discussed the issues presented in relation to this topic. The Chair thanked Matthew for their presentation.

Health economics to be carried over to after the expert witness presentation.

5. Evidence review: Oral antibiotics

- **Expert testimony**
- **Committee questions**

The Chair introduced Harriet Aughey, Neonatal consultant, Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, Niamh Scally, Paediatric Registrar and Honorary Research Fellow, St Georges Hospital, Peter Reynolds, Consultant Neonatologist, St Peters Hospital Surrey and Katie Evans, Neonatal ST8 Speciality Trainee, St Peters Hospital Surrey. Harriet Aughey provided a presentation on switching from intravenous to oral antibiotics for suspected early-onset neonatal infection. The expert witnesses answered questions from the committee and the NICE team. The Chair thanked Harriet, Niamh, Peter and Katie for their presentation.

6. Evidence review: Oral antibiotics

- **Evidence review: health economics**

The Chair introduced Paul Jacklin Health Economist who gave a presentation on health economic evidence on switching from intravenous to oral antibiotics for suspected early-onset neonatal infection. The Chair thanked Paul for their presentation.

7. Evidence review: Oral antibiotics

- **Discussion of the evidence**
- **Development of recommendations**
- **Writing rationale and impact**

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<p>The Committee then discussed the issues presented in relation to this topic and drafted recommendations.</p>
8. Lay member forum
<p>The Chair invited the lay members to contribute.</p>
9. Evidence review: PROM <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Evidence review clinical and health economics• Discussion of the evidence• Development of recommendations• Writing rationale and impact
<p>The Chair introduced Sarah Dwyer, Technical Analyst who gave a presentation on the evidence review of the timing of prelabour rupture of membranes to birth and risk of early onset neonatal infection in singleton pregnancies at term. The Chair thanked Sarah for their presentation. The Committee then discussed the issues presented in relation to this topic and drafted recommendations.</p>
10. Actions and decisions <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Next steps• Any other business
<p>No other business</p> <p>The Chair introduced Vonda Murray, Project Manager, who provided an outline of the key next steps. The Chair thanked Vonda Murray for the summary.</p>
11. Close of meeting
<p>Meeting closed</p>

Date of next meeting: TBC

Location of next meeting: MS Teams