

Myalgic encephalomyelitis (or encephalopathy)/Chronic fatigue syndrome (ME/CFS) Committee meeting 17

Date: 31/07/2020
Location: Video-conference
Minutes: Final

Committee members present:		
Peter Barry (Chair)		(Present for notes 1 – 4)
Ilora Finlay (Vice-chair)		(Present for notes 1 – 4)
Theo Anbu		(Present for notes 1 – 4)
Michael Beadsworth		(Present for notes 1 – 4)
Joanne Bond-Kendall		(Present for notes 1 – 4)
Saran Bonser		(Present for notes 1 – 4)
Sally Burch		(Present for notes 1 – 4)
Chris Burton		(Present for notes 1 – 3a)
Tony Crouch		(Present for notes 1 – 4)
Jo Daniels		(Present for notes 1 – 4)
Dorinda Jack		(Present for notes 1 – 4)
Nicola Kidby		(Present for notes 1 – 4)
Caroline Kingdon		(Present for notes 1 – 4)
Adam Lowe		(Present for notes 1 – 4)
Jennifer McIntosh		(Present for notes 1 – 4)
Gabrielle Murphy		(Present for notes 1 – 4)
Susan Watson		(Present for notes 1 – 4)
William Weir		(Present for notes 1 – 4)
Charles Shepherd (co-optee)		(Present for notes 1 – 4)

In attendance:		
Kate Ashmore	NGC Project Manager	(Present for notes 1 – 4)
Richard Clubbe	NGC Research Fellow	(Present for notes 1 – 4)
Kate Kelley	NGC Guideline Lead	(Present for notes 1 – 4)

Karin VanBart	NGC Research Fellow	(Present for notes 1 – 4)
Melina Vasileiou	NGC Research Fellow	(Present for notes 1 – 4)
Rupert Franklin	NICE Senior Guideline Commissioning Manager	(Present for notes 1 – 4)
Sarah Catchpole	Senior Medical Editor, NICE	(Present for notes 1 – 3a)

Apologies:	
Luis Nacul	GP
Maria Smyth	Senior Research Fellow, NGC
Alan Stanton	Consultant Community Paediatrician, University Hospitals, Birmingham
David Wonderling	NGC Head of Health Economics

1. Welcome and objectives for the meeting			
<p>The Chair welcomed the Committee members and attendees to the seventeenth meeting of the ME/CFS guideline.</p> <p>The Chair informed the Committee that apologies had been received. These are noted above.</p>			
2. Confirmation of matter under discussion, and declarations of interest			
<p>The Chair confirmed that, for the purpose of managing conflicts of interest, the matters under discussion were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barriers and facilitators to the care of people with ME/CFS • Barriers and facilitators to providing information, education and support for health and social care professionals <p>The Chair asked everyone to verbally declare any interests that have arisen since the last meeting.</p>			
Name	Job title, organisation	Declarations of Interest	Decision taken
Charles Shepherd	Honorary Medical adviser, ME Association	Provided medical information on post COVID fatigue and post COVID syndromes to a BBC Radio 5 Live discussion programme.	No action other than the process of open declaration.

The Chair and a senior member of the Developer's team noted that the interests declared did not prevent the attendees from fully participating in the meeting.

3. Presentations, questions and discussion

- a) Melina Vasileiou presented the barriers and facilitators to the care of people with ME/CFS evidence review and the committee discussed and drafted recommendations.

- b) Melina Vasileiou presented the barriers and facilitators to providing information, education and support for health and social care professionals evidence review and the committee discussed and drafted recommendations.

4. Any other business

None.

Date of next meeting: 07/08/2020

Location of next meeting: Video-conference