# Myalgic encephalomyelitis (or encephalopathy)/Chronic fatigue syndrome (ME/CFS) Committee meeting 6

Location: Trinity room, Holiday Inn London Regents Park

Minutes: Final

Committee members present:	
Peter Barry (Chair)	(Present for notes $1 - 6$ )
Michael Beadsworth	(Present for notes 1 – 6)
Joanne Bond-Kendall	(Present for notes $1-6$ )
Saran Bonser	(Present for notes $1-6$ )
Sally Burch	(Present for notes 1 – 6)
Chris Burton	(Present for notes 1 – 6)
Tony Crouch	(Present for notes 1 – 6)
Jo Daniels	(Present for notes 1 – 6)
Nicola Kidby	(Present for notes 1 – 6)
Caroline Kingdon	(Present for notes $1-6$ )
Adam Lowe	(Present for notes $1 - 6$ )
Jennifer McIntosh	(Present for notes $1 - 6$ )
Gabrielle Murphy	(Present for notes $1 - 6$ )
Luis Nacul	(Present for notes $1 - 6$ )
Alan Stanton	(Present for notes $1-6$ )
Susan Watson	(Present for notes 1 – 6)
William Weir	(Present for notes 1 – 6)
Charles Shepherd (co-optee)	(Present for notes 1 – 6)

In attendance:		
Kate Ashmore	NGC Project Manager	(Present for notes 1 – 6)
Richard Clubbe	NGC Research Fellow	(Present for notes $1 - 6$ )
Kate Kelley	NGC Guideline Lead	(Present for notes $1 - 6$ )
Maria Smyth	NGC Senior Research Fellow	(Present for notes 1 – 6)

Karin VanBart	NGC Trainee Systematic Reviewer	(Present for notes 1 – 6)
Melina Vasileiou	NGC Research Fellow	(Present for notes 1 – 6)
David Wonderling	NGC Head of Health Economics	(Present for notes 1 – 6)
Rupert Franklin	NICE Senior Guideline Commissioning Manager	(Present for notes 1 – 6)
Simran Chawla	Public Involvement Advisor	(Present for notes 4c – 6)

Apologies:	
Theo Anbu	Consultant General Paediatrician and Lead for Paediatric CFS/ME, Alder Hey Children's NHS Foundation Trust, Liverpool
Ilora Finlay (Vice-Chair)	Hon Prof of Palliative Medicine, Cardiff University and Chair of National Mental Capacity Forum
Dorinda Jack	Lay member

## 1. Welcome and objectives for the meeting

The Chair welcomed the Committee members and attendees to the sixth meeting of the ME/CFS guideline.

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

#### 2. Confirmation of matter under discussion, and declarations of interest

The Chair asked everyone to verbally declare any interests that have arisen since the last meeting. There were no new declarations of interest.

#### 3. Presentations, questions and discussion

- a) The Chair gave a presentation on different criteria, interpreting evidence and making recommendations.
- b) The committee continued discussions on the pharmacological interventions evidence review.
- c) Maria Smyth, NGC Senior Research Fellow, gave a presentation on the nonpharmacological interventions evidence review.

- d) David Wonderling, NGC Head of Health Economics, gave a presentation on the health economic evaluations for the non- pharmacological interventions evidence review.
- e) The committee discussed the evidence review and were given the opportunity to ask questions.

## 6. Any other business

None.

**Date of next meeting:** 22&23/10/2019

Location of next meeting: Holiday Inn, Regents Park