

Reducing sexually transmitted infections - Public Health Advisory Committee Meeting 14

Date: 07 September 2021

Location: Virtual meeting, Zoom

Minutes: Final

Committee members present:	
Ann Hoskins (PHAC Chair)	Present for all items
Ralph Bagge (Core Member)	Present for all items
Kathryn Faulkner (Core Member)	Present for all items
John Hutton (Core Member)	Present for all items
Judith Hooper (Core Member)	Present for all items
Ann Williams (Core Member)	Present for all items
Natasha Broad (Topic Expert Member)	Present for all items
Jackie Cassell ((Topic Expert Member)	Present for all items
Emily Clarke (Topic Expert Member)	Present for all items
Robbie Currie (Topic Expert Member)	Present for all items
Khush Gosai (Topic Expert Member)	Present for all items
Hamish Mohammed (Public Health England Topic Adviser)	Present for all items

NICE staff in attendance:		
Chris Carmona	Technical Adviser, Public Health Guidelines	Present for all items
Jamie Jason	Meeting in Public Coordinator, NICE	Present for items 1-4
Rosalee Mason	Meeting in Public Coordinator, NICE	Present for all items
Annette Mead	Senior Medical Editor, NICE	Present for items 6-10
Adam O'Keefe	Project Manager, Public Health Guidelines	Present for all items
Joshua Pink	Technical Adviser (Health Economics), NICE	Present for items 4-6,8
Nick Staples	Guideline Commissioning Manager	Present for all items
Hannah Stockton	Technical Analyst, Public Health Guidelines	Present for all items
Bryn White	Project Manager, Public Health Guidelines	Present for all items
Sarah Willett	Associate Director, Public Health Guidelines	Present for items 5-10
Michellie Young	Technical Analyst, Public Health Guidelines	Present for all items

NICE Observer	
Lois Murray	Present for all items

Apologies:	
Obaghe Edeghere	Core Member
Nayab Nasir	Core Member
Philippa James	Topic Expert Member
Keona Bennett	Administrator

1. Welcome, apologies, introductions and objectives

The Chair welcomed the Committee members and attendees to the fourteenth Public Health Advisory Committee (PHAC) meeting on Reducing sexually transmitted infections.

The Chair informed the Committee that apologies had been received. These are noted above. She advised that the meeting was quorate.

The Chair outlined the objectives of the meeting, to hear the evidence review for Review Question 2.3, discuss the remaining evidence from the re-run searches and to review the guideline recommendations considering the new evidence presented.

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

The Chair confirmed the matter under discussion and asked everyone to verbally declare any new conflicts of interest. No new interests were declared.

3. Review Question 2.3 - What interventions are effective and cost effective at increasing frequent STI testing in very high-risk groups?

The Chair introduced Michellie Young, Technical Analyst who presented the evidence for Review Question 2.3 for the Committee's consideration.

4. Re-run presentation for Review Question 1.6 - What is the acceptability of preexposure prophylaxis (PrEP) for HIV, and what other factors influence its use?

Michellie Young then presented the re-run evidence for Review Question 1.6 which the Committee discussed.

5. Re-run presentation for Review Question 2.1 - What strategies to improve the uptake of STI testing (excluding HIV testing) are effective and cost-effective? and 2.2 What factors influence the acceptability of the strategies used to improve the uptake of STI testing?

Michellie Young presented the remaining re-run evidence for Review Question 2.1 and 2.2 for the Committee's consideration

6. Guideline recommendation review

The Chair introduced Chris Carmona, Technical Adviser who led the Committee through the draft guideline recommendations to date. The Committee discussed and refined the draft recommendations.

7. Research recommendation review

Chris Carmona led the Committee through research recommendations drafted to date which the Committee discussed. Chris then outlined the next steps needed to identify the priority research recommendations.

8. Summary of the day and next steps

The Chair introduced Bryn White, Project Manager who presented the next steps on the guideline.

The Chair summarised the discussions from the day, thanked those present for their contributions and confirmed that the next meetings will be after consultation on the 21st and 22nd February 2022.