

## Otitis media with effusion in under 12s Advisory Committee Interests Register

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Name	Role with NICE	Type of interest	Description of interest	Interest arose	Interest declared	Interest ceased	Comments
Alex Bennett	Committee member (ENT surgeon)	Direct, Financial	Consultant ENT Surgeon, University Hospitals Division, NHS Lothian, Scotland	Interest arose more than 12 months before appointment	04.02.2022	Ongoing	Declare and participate. Agreed by: Guideline Lead in November 2022 Rationale: salaried employment in the NHS.
Alex Bennett	Committee member (ENT surgeon)	Direct, financial	Undertakes private practice which mirrors NHS work one afternoon per week. Mostly adult patients, but sees an estimated 2-5 children with OME per month privately.	2011	25.02.2022	Ongoing	Declare and participate. Agreed by Guideline lead and NICE at recruitment. Rationale: Little possibility for financial gain to the member and thus his private practice was not considered to pose a conflict of interest because of the small number

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							of private patients relevant to the guideline topic.
Lynsey Causley	Committee member (Health Visitor)	Direct, financial	Community Practice Teacher - Public Health Nursing - Devon County Council	Interest arose more than 12 months before appointment	31/01/2022	Ongoing	Declare and participate. Agreed by: Guideline Lead in November 2022 Rationale: salaried employment in a not-for-profit providing NHS services.
John Day	Committee member (Paediatric Audiologist)	Direct, financial	Consultant Clinical Scientist (Audiology) & Clinical Director, Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board, North Wales	Interest arose more than 12 months before appointment	04/01/2022	Ongoing	Declare and participate. Agreed by: Guideline Lead in November 2022 Rationale: salaried employment in the NHS.
John Day	Committee member	Non-financial, professional and personal	Member of National Deaf Children's Society Cymru Advisory Group	2018	28.02.22	Ongoing	Declare and participate.

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	(Paediatric Audiologist)						Agreed by: Guideline lead in February 2022.  Rationale: Not specific to guideline.
Stuart Harris	Committee member (Paediatric Audiologist)	Direct, financial	Lead Paediatric Audiologist – University Hospitals Plymouth	Interest arose more than 12 months before appointment	03.01.2022	Ongoing	Declare and participate.  Agreed by: Guideline Lead in November 2022  Rationale: salaried employment in the NHS.
Stuart Harris	Committee member (Paediatric Audiologist)	Non-financial, professional and personal	Member of British Society of Audiology Paediatric Audiology Interest Group	2014	03/01/2022	Ongoing	Declare and participate.  Agreed by Guideline lead and NICE at recruitment.  Rationale: Interest relates to the guideline topic broadly but does

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							not pose a conflict of interest.
Stuart Harris	Committee member (Paediatric Audiologist)	Direct, financial	Undertake private practice outside of my NHS contracted hours. On average a couple of days a month, mainly adult patients. Rarely a child patient, maximum 2-3 OME cases per year.	2004	03/01/2022	Ongoing	<p>Declare and participate.</p> <p>Agreed by: Guideline lead and NICE at recruitment.</p> <p>Rationale: Minimum possibility for financial gain to the member and thus his private practice was not considered to pose a conflict of interest because of the very small number of private patients relevant to the guideline topic.</p>
Tamsin Holland Brown	Committee member (Paediatrician with interest in audiology)	Direct, financial	Paediatrician at Cambridge Community Services NHS	Interest arose more than 12 months before	29.10.2021	Ongoing	Declare and participate.

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				appointment			Agreed by: Guideline Lead in November 2022  Rationale: salaried employment in the NHS.
Tamsin Holland Brown	Committee member (Paediatrician with interest in audiology)	Indirect interest	<p>Prior OME research projects were funded by The Cambridge Hearing Trust Charity (approx £17,000) for the first research project in 2016-2018 (published in 2019) but that did not cover my own time/ salary, so I had no financial benefit personally.</p> <p>The second project around the Hear Glue Ear app in 2018 (published in 2020) was given money by SAS fund Health Education England of £3000 which again was unable to cover my time/ salary.</p> <p>The third research project in 2019 (published 2022)</p>	2016	October 2021	Ongoing	<p>Declare and participate.</p> <p>Agreed by Guideline lead and NICE at recruitment.</p> <p>Rationale: Member has been involved in research projects that may relate to some of the topics covered in this guideline, however, unlikely to feature in the evidence reviews. No personal financial involvement.</p>

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			<p>was funded around £300 by Kate Farrer Foundation but did not cover my own time/ salary.</p> <p>The 4th OME research project had no funding but was donated equipment by The Raspberry Pi foundation due to the relevance to COVID in 2020 (published 2021). Health Enterprise East awarded funding to my employer (£109k) in 2017/2018 to write a technical file for CE marking an affordable headset but the project collapsed.</p>				
Tamsin Holland Brown	Committee member (Paediatrician with interest in audiology)	Non-financial, professional and personal	I am part of a team working on a project considering affordable hearing solutions for low income countries, led by Brighton and Sussex University.	2016	October 2021	Ongoing	<p>Declare and participate.</p> <p>Agreed by: Guideline lead and NICE at recruitment.</p> <p>Rationale: Not</p>

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							specific to any evidence reviews or topics covered by this guideline.
Tamsin Holland Brown	Committee member (Paediatrician with interest in audiology)	Non-financial, professional and personal	Founder of Hear Glue Ear <a href="https://hearglueear.wordpress.com/">https://hearglueear.wordpress.com/</a>	2016	October 2021	Ongoing	<p>Declare and participate.</p> <p>Agreed by: Guideline lead and NICE at recruitment.</p> <p>Rationale: This is a website that offers information and other resources to children and families affected by OME, no financial gain for the member. Not a conflict of interest.</p>
Tamsin Holland Brown	Committee member (Paediatrician with interest in audiology)	Non-financial, professional and personal	Creator of free, charity funded, Hear Glue Ear app	2018	October 2021	Ongoing	<p>Declare and participate.</p> <p>Agreed by: Guideline lead and NICE at recruitment.</p>

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							Rationale: Unlikely to be specific to any evidence reviews or topics covered by this guideline, and no financial gain for the member.
Tamsin Holland Brown	Committee member (Paediatrician with interest in audiology)	Non-financial, professional and personal	<p>Otitis Media with Effusion (OME) also known as 'glue ear' has been a research interest and continues to be.</p> <p>2 academic papers have been published on the topic and 2 academic papers are currently being peer reviewed for potential publication.</p> <p>Published articles:</p> <p>Holland Brown T, Salorio-Corbetto M, Gray R, James Best A, Marriage JE. Using a Bone-Conduction Headset to Improve Speech Discrimination in Children With Otitis Media With</p>	<p>2016</p> <p>2019</p>	October 2021	Ongoing	<p>Declare and participate.</p> <p>Agreed by: Guideline lead and NICE at recruitment.</p> <p>Rationale: Unlikely to be specific to any evidence reviews or topics covered by this guideline.</p>



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			<p>Effusion. Trends in Hearing. January 2019. doi:10.1177/2331216519858303</p> <p>Fordington S &amp; Holland Brown T. An evaluation of the Hear Glue Ear mobile application for children aged 2–8 years old with otitis media with effusion. Digital health. Volume 6, 2020. <a href="https://doi.org/10.1177/2055207620966163">https://doi.org/10.1177/2055207620966163</a></p>	2020			
Tamsin Holland Brown	Committee member (Paediatrician with interest in audiology)	Non-financial, professional and personal	Creator of free Glue Ear care plan	2020	October 2021	Ongoing	<p>Declare and participate.</p> <p>Agreed by: Guideline lead and NICE at recruitment.</p> <p>Rationale: Unlikely to be specific to any evidence reviews or topics</p>

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							covered by this guideline, and no financial gain for the member.
Tamsin Holland Brown	Committee member (Paediatrician with interest in audiology)	Non-financial, professional and personal	Helped establish an affordable headset to help children with glue ear to learn at school (this was part of research projects I have done) although I have no financial gain myself from this.	2016	October 2021	Ongoing	<p>Declare and participate.</p> <p>Agreed by: Guideline lead and NICE at recruitment.</p> <p>Rationale: Unlikely to be specific to any evidence reviews or topics covered by this guideline, and no financial gain for the member.</p>
Tamsin Holland Brown	Committee member (Paediatrician with interest in audiology)	Direct, financial	I set up a company called 'Paediatric HealthTech' in 2020 to accept £10,000 funding from Babraham Research Campus when accepted into their 'Accelerator' programme. The company has not ever been trading or made any	2020	October 2021	Ongoing	<p>Declare and participate.</p> <p>Agreed by: Guideline lead and NICE at recruitment.</p> <p>Rationale: No</p>

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			<p>money. I do not receive any money from the company. But it may be that the work I have done with 'Hear Glue Ear' may become part of that if opportunities arose (this is currently unlikely, but I would like to declare it as a future possibility since many people have shown interest in the Hear Glue Ear work despite the fact that all my research has been open access, freely available and there are no patents)</p>				<p>financial activity so far and unlikely in the near future. Unlikely that member's involvement in the guideline development would benefit the company financially.</p>
Tamsin Holland Brown	Committee member (Paediatrician with interest in audiology)	Non-financial, professional and personal	I have volunteered for the National Deaf Children's Society (NDCS)	2016	October 2021	Ongoing	<p>Declare and participate.</p> <p>Agreed by: Guideline lead and NICE at recruitment.</p> <p>Rationale: Not specific to guideline.</p>

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Tamsin Holland Brown	Committee member (Paediatrician with interest in audiology)	Non-financial, professional and personal	I am part of the exec committee for British Society of Paediatricians in Audiology (BAPA)	2019	October 2021	Ongoing	<p>Declare and participate.</p> <p>Agreed by: Guideline lead and NICE at recruitment.</p> <p>Rationale: Not specific to guideline.</p>
Tamsin Holland Brown	Committee member (Paediatrician with interest in audiology)	Non-financial, professional and personal	I have taken a role within the Clinical Entrepreneur programme led by NHS England, employed by NHSE one day a week. I will help to run the programme including the workshops and my role will be to take care of the next cohort of Entrepreneurs starting in February 2022. I am also helping to write the social responsibility document for this programme.	January 2022	December 2021	Ongoing	<p>Declare and participate.</p> <p>Agreed by: NICE at recruitment.</p> <p>Rationale: Employees of NHSE in national roles are not usually considered eligible to be members of NICE guideline committees. However, because this role is not specific to the topic of the guideline,</p>

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							has no influence on policy, and is only for one day a week it has been agreed by NICE that this should not form any bar to her working on a NICE committee.
Tamsin Holland Brown	Committee member (Paediatrician with interest in audiology)	Non-financial, professional and personal	Reviewer for research paper in UK journal (clinical otolaryngology)	March 2022	16/03/2022	Ongoing	Declare and participate.  Agreed by: Guideline lead in March 2022.  Rationale: Unlikely to be specific to any evidence reviews or topics covered by this guideline.
Caroline Jones	Chair	Direct, Financial	Head of Compliance, Regulation and Safeguarding Adult division at CareTech	April 2021	25/11/2020	Nov 2022	Declare and participate

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							<p>Agreed by: Guideline Lead in November 2022</p> <p>Rationale: The committee member's paid employment at CareTech is not a conflict with development of the guideline. CareTech support individuals with special and complex needs so the interest is not specific to the topic of the guideline.</p>
Caroline Jones	Chair	Direct, financial	Senior Advisor Compliance and Quality, Specialist division, CareTech. Providing advice on all issues relating to Quality improvement and compliance for regulators. This role provides advice	1/11/22	24/11/22	Ongoing	Declare and participate

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			to Mental Health, Learning disabilities and autism hospital services				Agreed by: Guideline Lead in November 2022  Rationale: Not specific to guideline
Caroline Jones	Chair	Direct, financial	Chair - Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) Fitness to Practice Panels – Chair or Registrant member	24/10/22	24/11/22	Ongoing	Declare and participate  Agreed by: Guideline Lead in November 2022  Rationale: Not specific to guideline
Caroline Jones	Chair	Direct, financial	Consultancy – offering mental health service reviews, coaching, Quality reviews, safeguarding reviews, mental health and learning disability training to the NHS and independent sector.	2013	25/11/2020	Ongoing	Declare and participate.  Agreed by: Guideline lead and NICE at recruitment.  Rationale: Not specific to guideline.

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Caroline Jones	Chair	Non-financial, professional and personal	Trustee for a Gloucestershire Children's charity - Infobuzz	2017	25/11/2020	Ongoing	Declare and participate.  Agreed by: Guideline lead and NICE at recruitment.  Rationale: Not specific to guideline.
Veronica Kennedy	Topic Advisor	Direct, financial	Consultant Audiovestibular Physician Bolton NHS Foundation Trust	Interest arose more than 12 months before appointment	28.04.2021	Ongoing	Declare and participate  Agreed by: Guideline Lead in November 2022  Rationale: salaried employment in the NHS.
Veronica Kennedy	Topic Advisor	Non-financial, professional and personal	I am a Chair of Specialty Advisory Committee - Audiovestibular Medicine which is responsible for standards of the higher specialist training for Audiovestibular Medicine trainees. It is currently in	2015	24/05/2021	Ongoing	Declare and participate  Agreed by guideline lead and NICE at recruitment.



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			the process of developing a GMC approved training curriculum, including the management of middle ear conditions. As the curriculum and training is evidence based, this role would not affect my objectivity in working with the Otitis Media NGC.				Rationale: Potential overlap but unlikely to directly influence guideline development or pose a conflict of interest, benefit of expertise outweigh any potential risk.
Veronica Kennedy	Topic Advisor	Non-financial, professional and personal	I have published a short chapter reviewing the seminal paper on ventilation tubes for treatment of otitis media with effusion. This chapter described, this paper in the context of modern-day practice. It is not a publication which would meet the criteria for evidence for the guidelines	2018	24/05/2021	2018	Declare and participate.  Agreed by: Guideline lead and NICE at recruitment.  Rationale: Interest relates to the guideline topic but does not pose a conflict of interest.
Katy Mitchell	Co-opted member (Teacher of the deaf)	Direct, financial	BATOD Foundation Consultancy Role	Interest arose more than 12 months before	29.10.2021	Ongoing	Declare and participate

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				appointment			<p>Agreed by: Guideline Lead in November 2022</p> <p>Rationale: The committee member's paid BATOD foundation employment is not a conflict with development of the guideline. It would not affect the committee member's ability to objectively consider the evidence under review and there would not be any financial gain associated with committee membership or the outcome of recommendations.</p>
Katy Mitchell	Co-opted member (Teacher of the deaf)	Non-financial, professional and personal	Author of Deaf Education MESH Guide on Glue Ear – an electronic resource	2018	Nov 2021	Ongoing	<p>Declare and participate.</p> <p>Agreed by: Guideline lead and</p>

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			for parents and early years education practitioners				NICE at recruitment.  Rationale: May relate to review question on information provision but benefit of expertise outweigh potential risk.
Katy Mitchell	Co-opted member (Teacher of the deaf)	Non-financial, professional and personal	Research to create a new listening tool to check speech access for children aged 18 to 30 months	2018	Nov 2021	2019	Declare and participate.  Agreed by: Guideline lead and NICE at recruitment.  Rationale: Does not directly relate to any review questions or areas covered in this guideline update.
Katy Mitchell	Co-opted member (Teacher of the deaf)	Non-financial, professional and personal	Looking to do further research to validate the above tool	2021	Nov 2021	Ongoing	Declare and participate.  Agreed by: Guideline lead and

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							NICE at recruitment. Rationale: Does not directly relate to any review questions or areas covered in this guideline update.
Katy Mitchell	Co-opted member (Teacher of the deaf)	Non-financial, professional and personal	Ewing Foundation Education Advisor	27.01.22	26.02.2022	Ongoing	Declare and participate.  Agreed by: Guideline lead and NICE at recruitment.  Rationale: Not specific to the guideline topic.
Katy Mitchell	Co-opted member (Teacher of the deaf)	Non-financial, professional and personal	Trustee and founder of Glue Ear Together – a newly established charity with the purpose of providing information and resources about Glue Ear to parents/carers, early years educators and any other adults supporting a child with Glue Ear	01.03.23	05.05.23	Ongoing	Declare and participate.  Agreed by: Guideline lead in May 2023  Rationale: Glue Ear Together is being set up as an independent

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							charity which aims to provide information about Glue Ear to families. Charitable funding will be applied for in the future. This is a direct interest, but with no clear financial benefit to the person.
Mitul Patel	Co-opted member (Microbiology Specialist)	Direct, Financial	Consultant Microbiologist and Clinical Lead (Microbiology) Birmingham Women's and Children's NHS Foundation Trust, Birmingham	Interest arose more than 12 months before appointment	29.10.2022	Ongoing	Declare and participate  Agreed by: Guideline Lead in November 2022  Rationale: salaried employment in the NHS.
Mitul Patel	Co-opted member (Microbiology Specialist)	Direct, financial	Organise/deliver lectures at clinical microbiology and infection, FRCPATH exam workshops for	Nov 2020	Nov 2021	Ongoing	Declare and participate.  Agreed by:

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			overseas students - entirely funded by participants' registration fees. No fees or sponsorship from commercial/healthcare companies involved.				Guideline lead and NICE at recruitment.  Rationale: Not specific to the guideline topic.
Mitul Patel	Co-opted member (Microbiology Specialist)	Non-financial, professional and personal	Several posters at conferences and publications in journals related to infections and antibiotic use. No commercial companies involved or fees taken in views and opinion in any of those publications. None of the publications are likely to be used by this NICE committee.	2004	Nov 2021	Ongoing	Declare and participate.  Agreed by: Guideline lead and NICE at recruitment.  Rationale: Not specific to the guideline topic.
Mitul Patel	Co-opted member (Microbiology Specialist)	Non-financial, professional and personal	Chair - West Midlands Infection Group. Three scientific and business meetings per year sponsored by various pharmaceutical companies involved in business of antibiotics. All funds go to WMIG bank account. No	2016	Nov 2021	Ongoing	Declare and participate.  Agreed by: Guideline lead and NICE at recruitment.

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			personal financial benefits received.				Rationale: Not specific to the guideline topic.
Jill Ross	Co-opted member (Pharmacist)	Direct, financial	Senior Clinical Pharmacist – Antibiotics County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust	Interest arose more than 12 months before appointment	16.02.2022	Ongoing	Declare and participate Agreed by: Guideline Lead in November 2022 Rationale: salaried employment in the NHS.
Jennifer Royds	Lay member	Non-financial, professional and personal	Trustee and founder of Glue Ear Together – a newly established charity with the purpose of providing information and resources about Glue Ear to parents/carers, early years educators and any other adults supporting a child with Glue Ear.	01.03.23	20.04.23	Ongoing	Declare and participate Agreed by: Guideline lead in May 2023 Rationale: Glue Ear Together is being set up as an independent charity which aims to provide information about Glue Ear to families. Charitable funding will be applied for in the

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							future. This is a direct interest, but with no clear financial benefit to the person.
Sunil Dutt Sharma	Committee member (Paediatric ENT surgeon)	Direct, financial	Paediatric ENT and Otolaryngology Consultant, Alder Hey Children's Hospital, Liverpool	Interest arose more than 12 months before appointment	14.09.2021	Ongoing	Declare and participate.  Agreed by: Guideline Lead in November 2022  Rationale: salaried employment in the NHS.
Sunil Dutt Sharma	Committee member (Paediatric ENT surgeon)	Non-financial, professional and personal	NIHR Research Scholar – working with NIHR to develop research trials for recurrent acute otitis media (recurrent ear infections)	Sept 2020	Nov 2021	Ongoing	Declare and participate.  Agreed by: Guideline lead and NICE at recruitment.  Rationale: Not specific to the guideline topic.
Sunil Dutt Sharma	Committee member	Non-financial, professional and personal	Honorary Senior Clinical Lecturer at University of	Aug 2021	Nov 2021	Ongoing	Declare and participate.



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	(Paediatric ENT surgeon)		Liverpool – teaching medical students				Agreed by: Guideline lead and NICE at recruitment.  Rationale: Not specific to the guideline topic.
Sunil Dutt Sharma	Committee member (Paediatric ENT surgeon)	Non-financial, professional and personal	Training Programme Director for Core Surgical Training with Health Education England and College Surgical Tutor with Royal College of Surgeons of England – supervising postgraduate trainees in surgery	Nov 2021	Nov 2021	Ongoing	Declare and participate.  Agreed by: Guideline lead and NICE at recruitment.  Rationale: Not specific to the guideline topic.
George Wright	Lay Member	Non-financial, professional and personal	Magistrate, Criminal Court	Sept 2021	Nov 2021	Ongoing	Declare and participate.  Agreed by: Guideline lead and NICE at recruitment.  Rationale: Not specific to guideline.

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George Wright	Lay Member	Non-financial, professional and personal	Chief Examiner, Faculty of Forensic and Legal Medicine	May 2021	Nov 2021	Ongoing	Declare and participate.  Agreed by: Guideline lead and NICE at recruitment.  Rationale: Not specific to guideline.
Dr Devavrata Joshi	Committee member	Direct, financial	GP Fellow, Herts and West Essex ICB Supporting work to review and re-commission diabetes services for the South and West Herts Place area.	7 <sup>th</sup> March 2022	31.05.2023	Ongoing	Declare and participate.  Agreed by: Guideline Lead in June 2023  Rationale: Not specific to guideline.
Dr Devavrata Joshi	Committee member	Direct, financial	Salaried General Practitioner, Parkbury House Surgery, St Albans	07.12.2022	12.12.2022	Ongoing	Declare and Participate

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							<p>Agreed by: Guideline lead in December 2022</p> <p>Rationale: salaried employment in the NHS.</p>
Dr Devavrata Joshi	Committee member	Direct, financial	General Practice Specialty Training - Rotations: General Practice, Oncology, Psychiatry, Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Integrated Paediatrics, Acute Medicine West Herts & Hemel Hempstead Vocational Training Scheme	Interest arose more than 12 months before appointmen t	03.05.2022	Dec 2022	<p>Declare and participate.</p> <p>Agreed by: Guideline Lead in November 2022</p> <p>Rationale: The committee member's paid NHS employment is not a conflict with development of the guideline. It would not affect the committee member's ability to objectively consider the evidence under review and there</p>

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							would not be any financial gain associated with committee membership or the outcome of recommendations.

**GUIDANCE NOTES FOR COMPLETION OF THE INTERESTS REGISTER**

**Relevant dates:** Detail here the date the interest arose, the date it was first declared and when it ceased, if applicable. For example, if an individual has ceased to hold shares or undertake relevant private practice.