

Women's and Reproductive Health Guidelines Update Committee Meeting – Maternity committee

Date: 22nd September 2025

Location Virtual via Microsoft Teams

Minutes: FINAL

Committee members present:	
Sarah Fishburn (Chair)	Present for notes 1 – 8
Maggie Blott	Present for notes 1 – 8
Lucy O'Malley	Present for notes 1 – 8
Makrina Savvidou	Present for notes 1 – 7
Frances Rivers (till 14.15)	Present for notes 1 – 8
Aung Soe (except 13.00-14.00)	Present for notes 1 – 8
Sophie House	Present for notes 1 – 8
Maria Clark	Present for notes 1 – 8
Chimwemwe Kalumbi	Present for notes 1 – 8
Ashifa Trivedi	Present for notes 1 – 8
Sarah Griffiths	Present for notes 1 – 8

In attendance:		
Maija Kallioinen	Topic Lead	Present for notes 1 – 8
Katie Tuddenham	Project Manager	Present for notes 1 – 8
Sharangini Rajesh	Senior Technical Analyst	Present for notes 1 – 8
Aye Paing	Technical Analyst	Present for notes 1 – 8
Paul Jacklin	Health Economics Advisor	Present for notes 1 – 8
Ayisha Ashmore (from 1pm)	Clinical Fellow	Present for notes 7 – 8
Gareth Haman	Senior Guidance Content Designer	Present for notes 1 – 8
Suzie Panek (till 2pm)	Finance Analyst	Present for notes 1 – 7
Sarah Dwyer (from 1pm)	Technical Analyst	Present for notes 7 – 8
Observers:		
Matthew Bosworth	Technical Analyst	Present for notes 1 – 8

Apologies:

Bryony Kendall	
Tim Watts	Present for notes 1 – 8
Sophie McAllister	Present for notes 1 – 8

1. Welcome and objectives for the meeting.

The Chair welcomed members of the maternity committee to the Women's and Reproductive Health Suite committee meeting.

The Chair informed the committee that apologies had been received as noted above.

The Chair outlined the objectives of the meeting, which included discussing the water birth evidence review.

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

The Chair confirmed that, for the purpose of managing conflicts of interest, the matters under discussion were water birth and intrapartum care.

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

Name	Role with NICE	Type of interest	Description of interest	Relevant dates			Comments
				Interest arose	Interest declared	Interest ceased	
CK	Committee Member	Direct, non-financial personal and professional	RCOG Council representative for RCOG Audit & Risk Committee.	12.09.2025	22.09.2025	ongoing	Non-specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: Not specific to guideline.
AT	Committee Member	Direct, financial	Principal Pharmacist - Pharmacoecomics – at Alder Hey Children's NHS Foundation Trust (0.2wte).	August 2025	22.09.2025	ongoing	Non-specific. Declare and participate. Rationale: Salaried employment in the NHS.

3. Minutes of last meeting

The Chair asked the committee to confirm the minutes of the last meeting, and the

committee confirmed that no changes were required.

4. Intrapartum care update – Waterbirth update: Comments received at stakeholder consultation

The Chair introduced Maija Kallioinen, Topic Lead, who led the committee through the main themes of the stakeholder comments received at consultation. The committee considered the comments, made edits to the recommendation and suggested responses to the comments.

5. Fetal monitoring guideline – Documentation during intermittent auscultation

Maija Kallioinen, Topic Lead, led a discussion about the recommendation about documentation during intermittent auscultation based on an external query. Committee made no changes to recommendations.

6. Fetal monitoring guideline - CTG decelerations

The Chair introduced Ayisha Ashmore, Clinical Fellow, who gave a presentation on CTG decelerations. The committee discussed the definition of late decelerations in the fetal monitoring guideline, and agreed amendments the recommendation for clarity.

7. Neonatal infection: antibiotics for prevention and treatment guideline

The Chair introduced Sharangini Rajesh, Senior Technical Analyst, and Sarah Dwyer, Technical Analyst, who presented the context to a small update to the neonatal infection guideline around the risk of early onset neonatal infection in the context of prelabour rupture of membranes at term. The committee discussed and made amendments to the review protocol.

8. Any other business

The meeting was closed at 16.45.

Date of next meeting:

TBC

Location of next meeting:

TBC