

Falls: Assessment and Prevention in older people and people 50 and over at higher risk

Committee meeting 15

Date: 19 December 2024

Location: Virtual meeting

Minutes: Final

Committee members present:		
Margaret Lally (ML) Chair		Present for items 1 – 5
Daniel Mac Intyre (DMI) Early member		Present for items 1 – 4
Julie Whitney (JW) Early member		Present for items 1 – 5
Tun Aung: (TA) Early member		Present for items 1 – 5
Charlotte Deasy (CD)		Present for items 1 – 5
Christina Heaton (CH)		Present for items 1 – 5
Jennifer Farren (JF)		Present for items 1 – 5
Michelle Manzie (MM)		Present for items 1 – 5
Andrew Clegg (AC) Cooptee		Present for items 1 – 5
Heather Smith (HS) Cooptee		Present for items 1 – 4
David Tomlinson (DT) Cooptee		Present for items 1 – 5

In attendance NICE:		
Qudsia Malik	Technical Analyst	Present for items 1 – 5
Steph Armstrong (SA)	Senior Technical Analyst (Economics)	Present for items 1 – 5
Julie Neilson (JN)	Senior Technical Analyst	Present for items 1 – 5
Maddie Zucker (MZ)	Technical Analyst	Present for items 1 – 5
Eric Slade	Technical Analyst (Economics)	Present for items 1 – 5
Tamara Diaz (TD)	Project Manager	Present for items 1 – 5
Benjamin Gregory (BG)	Resource Impact Team (Observer)	Present for items 1 – 5
Carlos Sharpin	Topic Lead (Observer)	Present for items 1 – 5
Peter Shearn	Senior Analyst: Quality Standard	Present for items 1 – 5
Charlotte Fairclough	Technical Analyst: Quality Standard	Present for items 4 – 5

Apologies:	
Baldwin: Cathy	
Blake: Julie	
Simper: Jenny	
Ruane: Catherine	

1. Welcome and objectives for the meeting

The Chair welcomed the Committee members and attendees to the 15th meeting on the Falls (Assessment and Prevention in older people and people 50 and over at higher risk) guideline. Apologies are noted above.

The Chair outlined the objectives of the meeting, which included the review of stakeholder comments following the public consultation on the draft guideline and the review of recommendations where needed.

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 included the above. New declarations raised on the day are listed below:

Name	Job title, organisation	Declarations of Interest, date declared	Type of interest	Decision taken
ML	Chair	Former Chair on the NICE guideline on medicines associated with dependency or withdrawal. April 2022.	Direct Financial	Non-Specific. No action required
CH	Nurse	Upcoming role with the Clinical Research Committee for the Royal osteoporosis Society. April 2025	Direct non Financial	Non-Specific. No action required
JF	Nurse	Recently changed roles within NHS England from the medical directorate to health and care in the community.	Direct Financial	Non-Specific. No action required.

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

3. Minutes of previous meeting

There were no suggested changes to the minutes of GC meeting 14, so these were confirmed to be accurate.

4. Review of stakeholder comments

The committee reviewed stakeholder feedback from the public consultation, which highlighted concerns about unclear distinctions between identifying falls risk and conducting comprehensive assessments. Stakeholders also noted the potential increased burden on secondary care and GP practices. The guideline was revised to address these concerns.

5. Any other business and date of the next meeting

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 1530 p.m. The next meeting date is listed below:

Date of next meeting: 20 December 2024

Location of next meetings: Virtual meeting