

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

Committee meeting 16

Date: 20 December 2024

Location: Virtual meeting

Minutes: Final

Committee members present:		
Margaret Lally (ML) Chair		Present for items 1 – 7
Daniel Mac Intyre (DMI) Early member		Present for items 1 – 7
Julie Whitney (JW) Early member		Present for items 1 – 7
Tun Aung: (TA) Early member		Present for items 1 – 7
Charlotte Deasy (CD)		Present for items 1 – 7
Christina Heaton (CH)		Present for items 1 – 7
Jennifer Farren (JF)		Present for items 1 – 7
Michelle Manzie (MM)		Present for items 1 – 7
Tomlinson: David (DT)		Present for items 1 – 7
Smith: Heather (HS)		Present for items 1 – 7

In attendance NICE:		
Carlos Sharpin (GR)	Topic Lead	Present for items 1 – 7
Qudsia Malik (QM)	Technical Analyst	Present for items 1 – 7
Steph Armstrong (SA)	Senior Technical Analyst (Economics)	Present for items 1 – 7
Julie Neilson (JN)	Senior Technical Analyst	Present for items 1 – 7
Maddie Zucker (MZ)	Technical Analyst	Present for items 1 – 7
Eric Slade	Technical Analyst (Economics)	Present for items 1 – 7
Tamara Diaz (TD)	Project Manager	Present for items 1 – 7
Benjamin Gregory (BG)	Resource Impact Team (Observer)	Present for items 1 – 7
Sarah Palombella (SP)	Senior Medical Editor	Present for items 1 – 7
Peter Shearn	Senior analyst: Quality Standard	Present for items 1 – 7
Fairclough: Charlotte	Technical Analyst: Quality Standard	Present for items 1 – 7

Apologies:	
Simper: Jennifer (JS) Ruane: Catherine (CR) Baldwin: Cathy (CB) Blake: Julie (JB) Clegg: Andrew (AC)	

1. Welcome and objectives for the meeting

The Chair welcomed the Committee members and attendees to the 16th 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 continued review of stakeholder comments following the public consultation on the draft guideline and the revision 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. There were no new declarations raised on the day.

Name	Job title, organisation	Declarations of Interest, date declared	Type of interest	Decision taken
Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

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

This was a two-day meeting, the minutes of committee meeting 14 were confirmed as accurate during meeting 15.

4. Quality standard update

The NICE Falls Quality Standard (Qs. 86) is being updated to align with the latest guideline, incorporating changes in population definitions and intervention recommendations. Key discussions during this meeting focused on refining statements to ensure clarity and accuracy, particularly regarding identifying at-risk individuals, multifactorial risk assessments, and individualized interventions.

5. Information for the public

SP delivered a presentation to the committee on the 'information for the public' that will be published alongside the guideline. Volunteers were sought from the group to provide feedback after the final review of this item.

6. Review of stakeholder comments and draft recommendations

. Stakeholders raised concerns about the challenges of ensuring all Home Hazard Assessments were carried out by an Occupational Therapist, particularly regarding resource implications and the potential for delays due to a shortage of OTs. In response, the Guideline Committee amended the recommendation to allow greater flexibility. The committee also continued reviewing stakeholder feedback from the public consultation, revising other recommendations to address concerns, and considering feedback on the top

five research recommendations included in the guideline.

7. Any other business and date of the next meeting

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 1530 p.m. This is the final committee meeting for this guideline. The group was thanked for their commitment and support over the past two years.

Date of next meeting: N/A this is the final committee meeting

Location of next meetings: N/A this is the final committee meeting