

**Date and Time:** 14<sup>th</sup> April 2014 10:00 – 16:00

**Minutes:** Unconfirmed

**Guideline Development Group Meeting Preterm labour and birth**

**Place:** Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists  
London

**Present:**

Jane Norman (JN) (Chair)	(Present for notes 1 – 10)
Judi Barratt (JB)	(Present for notes 1 – 10)
Paul Eunson (PE)	(Present for notes 1 – 10)
Jane Hawdon (JH)	(Present for notes 1 – 10)
Philip Owen (PO)	(Present for notes 1 – 10)
Marianne Rowntree (MR)	(Present for notes 1 – 10)
Jane Plumb (JP)	(Present for notes 1 – 10)
Martin Ward-Platt (MWP)	(Present for notes 1 – 10)
Louise Weaver-Lowe (LW-L)	(Present for notes 1 – 10)

**In attendance:**

NCC-WCH staff: Shona Burman-Roy (SBR) Maryam Gholitabar (MG) Juliet Kenny (JK) David James (DJ) Paul Jacklin (PJ) XXXXX <sup>1</sup> Roz Ullman (RU)		(Present for notes 1 – 4) (Present for notes 1 – 10) (Present for notes 1 – 10) (Present for notes 1 – 10) (Present for notes 1 – 10) (Present for notes 1 – 10) (Present for notes 1 – 10)
NICE attendees: Sarah Dunson (SD) Besma Nash (BN)		(Present for notes 1 – 10) (Present for notes 1 – 10)

**Observers:**

Andres Freiberg		(Present for notes 1 – 10)
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<sup>1</sup> Confidential material has been removed

## Notes

1. JN welcomed the group to the seventh meeting of this GDG. Apologies were received from Farrah Pradhan.

JN asked all the GDG members and other attendees to declare any new interests that they had accrued since GDG 6 and reiterate any interests declared previously that were relevant to the meeting agenda.

### JN

#### **Personal pecuniary:**

Received funding from University of Siena in Italy to cover hotel expenses while attending a meeting in Siena on the topic of preterm labour and birth.

JN also provided more specific details regarding a previously declared personal non-pecuniary research interest as it was relevant to the meeting agenda.

#### **Non-personal pecuniary:**

University of Edinburgh receives Medical Research Council/National Institute for Health Research funding for a clinical trial investigating the use of vaginal progesterone to prevent preterm birth (OPPTIMUM) led by JN.

### PO

#### **Personal non-pecuniary:**

Co-author of published study article on use of progesterone for the prevention of preterm birth in twin pregnancy (STOPPIT).

No other new declarations of interest were received from the GDG members or the other attendees.

Because JN is leading an ongoing trial, the results of which will be relevant to the review on the prophylactic progesterone, she stepped down as chair for the GDG discussion of this topic. DJ chaired the GDG for this topic discussion. It was agreed that while JN would be able to participate in the discussion, she would not have a casting vote on recommendations should this arise.

It was agreed that no interests declared at this meeting or previously warranted exclusion of any GDG members from discussion of evidence or formulation of recommendations at the meeting.

2. The minutes of the last meeting were agreed.
3. SBR presented the draft review for prophylactic progesterone (the protocol, the list of excluded studies, the evidence tables, the evidence profiles, evidence summary and forest plots). The group had an opportunity discuss the results and ask questions.
4. DJ led the group through the process of interpreting the evidence and drafting recommendations. Notes were made live on screen.
5. DJ gave a short presentation updating the group on progress with the network meta-analysis being undertaken for the topic of drugs for women in suspected or diagnosed preterm labour. The group provided further feedback regarding the interventions for inclusion in the network.
6. DJ gave an introductory presentation on the use of CTG monitoring during term and preterm labour. The group had an opportunity to ask questions.
7. MG presented the draft review for criteria for interpreting the preterm fetal heart rate trace at different gestational ages for unborn babies whose mothers are in suspected or diagnosed preterm labour (the protocol, the list of excluded studies, the evidence tables,

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the evidence profiles, evidence summary and forest plots). The group had an opportunity discuss the results and ask questions.

8. JN led the group through the process of interpreting the evidence and drafting recommendations. Notes were made live on screen.
9. The final planned agenda item (health economics update for the topic of magnesium sulphate for neuroprotection) was postponed until the next meeting due to lack of time.
10. JK provided some information to the group regarding changes to the NCC-WCH travel and expenses policy and information governance processes. There was no other business. JN thanked the participants for attending and closed the meeting.

## **Date, time and venue of the next meeting**

Thursday 5th June 2014, 10:00 – 16:30 at the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, London