

Faltering growth in children: recognition and management Committee meeting

Date: 19th July 2016

Location: Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, 27 Sussex Place, London, NW1 4RG

Minutes: Final

Committee members present:	
Russell Peek (Chair)	(Present for notes 1 – 6)
Alison Spiro	(Present for notes 1 – 6)
Caroline Roberts	(Present for notes 1 – 6)
Annalou Louw	(Present for notes 1 – 6)
Anne Marie Frohock	(Present for notes 1 – 6)
Charlotte Wright	(Present for notes 1 – 6)
Rachel Pidcock	(Present for notes 1 – 6)
Shel Banks	(Present for notes 1 – 6)
Denise Pemberton	(Present for notes 1 – 6)
Gordon Allan	(Present for notes 1 – 6)
Rachel Bryant-Waugh	(Present for notes 1 – 6)

In attendance:		
Katie Perryman-Ford	Guidelines Commissioning Manager	(Present for notes 1 – 6)
Stephen Murphy	Clinical Director for Women's Health	(Present for notes 1 – 6)
Katharina Dworzynski	Senior Research Fellow and Guideline Lead	(Present for notes 1 – 6)
Anne Carty	Project Manager	(Present for notes 1 – 6)
Valentina Ricci	Senior Research Fellow	(Present for notes 1 – 6)
Eva Gonzales	Research Assistant	(Present for notes 1 – 6)
Alex Bates	Senior Health Economist	(Present for notes 1 – 6)

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Tim Reeves	Information Scientist	(Present for notes 1 – 6)
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1. Welcome and objectives for the meeting

The Chair welcomed the Committee members and attendees to the 6th meeting on Faltering growth in children: recognition and management.

The Chair informed the Committee that no apologies had been received.

The Chair outlined the objectives of the meeting, which included:

- Reviewing the recommendations and reviewing the draft Linking Evidence to Recommendations (LETR) section for “What service configurations are effective for the management of faltering growth in infants and preschool children?”
- Finalising review protocols for “What are normal limits of maximal weight loss in the first two weeks” and “What growth monitoring should be carried out in infants and preschool children with suspected or confirmed faltering growth?”

Introductions

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

The Chair confirmed that, for the purpose of managing conflicts of interest, the matter under discussion was Faltering Growth.

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

Name	Job title, organisation	Declarations of Interest, date declared	Type of interest	Decision taken
Charlotte Wright	University of Glasgow	A paper co-authored by Charlotte was included in the evidence review for “In children with growth concern defined by one particular	Personal Non-Finance Specific	No Action needed

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		critterion, what are the adverse outcomes compared to children who do not have that growth concern by that definition?"		
<p>The Chair and a senior member of the Developer's team noted that the interests declared did not prevent the attendees from fully participating in the meeting.</p>				
3. Minutes of last meeting				
<p>The Chair asked the Committee if it wanted any changes made to the minutes of the last meeting. Apart from minor alterations, the Committee agreed that the minutes were a true and accurate account of the meeting.</p>				
4. Presentations				
<p>The Chair introduced Valentina Ricci, Senior Research Fellow who gave a presentation on the clinical evidence on "In children with growth concerns defined by one particular criterion what are the adverse outcomes compared to children who do not have that growth concern by that definition?" Valentina took questions from the group. The Committee then discussed the issues presented in relation to this guideline. The Chair thanked Valentina for her presentation.</p> <p>The Chair introduced Alex Bates, Senior Health Economist who gave a presentation on the Health Economic evidence for "In children with growth concerns defined by one particular criterion what are the adverse outcomes compared to children who do not have that growth concern by that definition". Alex took questions from the group. The Committee then discussed the issues presented in relation to this guideline. The Chair thanked Alex for their presentation.</p> <p>The Committee thanked Valentina and Alex for their presentations and contribution to the development of the guideline.</p>				
5. Questions and discussion				
<p>The Committee discussed and finalised the Linking Evidence to Recommendations section for "What service configurations are effective for the management of faltering growth in infants and preschool children?"</p> <p>The Committee discussed and finalised protocols "What are normal limits of maximal</p>				

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weight loss in the first two weeks?” and “What growth monitoring should be carried out in infants and preschool children with suspected or confirmed faltering growth?”

6. Any other business

The Chair confirmed that the next committee meeting date would be 5th and 6th September 2016.

Russell thanked the committee and closed the meeting.

Date of next meeting: 5th and 6th September 2016

Location of next meeting: Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists,