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Centre for Health Technology Evaluation

Diagnostics Advisory Committee (DAC) meeting minutes

**Minutes:** Unconfirmed

**Date and time:** 22 August 2023 at 09:00

**Location:** Via Zoom

# Committee members present

1. Brian Shine (Chair) Present for all items
2. Neil Hawkins (Vice Chair) Present for all items
3. Brendan Meyer Present for all items
4. Diane Davies Present for all items
5. John Cairns Present for all items
6. Joy Allen Present for all items
7. Karen Sennett Present for all items
8. Keith Abrams Present for all items
9. Matt Stevenson Present for all items
10. Patrick McGinley Present for all items
11. Radha Ramachandran Present for all items
12. Sam Creavin Present for all items

# NICE staff present:

Rebecca Albrow, Associate Director, Diagnostics Assessment Present for all items

Programme (DAP)

Thomas Walker, Health Technology Assessment Adviser, DAP Present for all items

Anam Khan, Health Technology Assessment Analyst, DAP Present for all items

Donna Barnes, Project Manager, DAP Present for all items

Toni Gasse, Project Manager, DAP Present for all items

# External assessment group representatives present:

Marie Westwood, Reviews Manager, Kleijnen Systematic Present for items 1 to 4.1.6

Reviews

Bram Ramaekers, Health Economist, Kleijnen Systematic Present for items 1 to 4.1.6

Reviews

Nigel Armstrong, Health Economics Manager, Kleijnen Present for items 1 to 4.1.6

Systematic Reviews

# Specialist committee members present:

Sotirios Bisdas, Consultant Neuroradiologist, Present for all items  
University College London Hospitals NHS Trust

Nigel Hoggard, Professor of Neuroradiology, Present for all items

Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

Li Su, Chair of Neuroimaging, University of Sheffield Present for all items

Margaret Cheng, Lay Specialist Present for all items

Grant Mair, Senior Clinical Lecturer and Honorary Present for items 1 to 4.1.6  
Consultant Neuroradiologist, University of Edinburgh

and NHS Lothian

# Clinical experts present:

Kausik Chatterjee, Consultant Physician in Stroke, Present for items 1 to 4.1.6  
Countess of Chester Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

Robert Simister, Consultant Neurologist and Present for items 1 to 4.1.6

Stroke Physician, University College London Hospitals

Martin James, Consultant Stroke Physician and Present for items 1 to 4.1.6

Honorary Professor, Royal Devon and Exeter NHS

Foundation Trust and University of Exeter Medical School

# Observers present:

Jessica Wilcock, Technical Analyst, NICE Present for all items

Sarah Bromley, Senior Medial Editor, NICE Present for all items

Lyn Davies, Coordinator, Meetings in Public, NICE Present for items 1 to 4.1.6

Robyn Fletcher, Public Health Registrar, NICE Present for all items

Edgar Masanga, Resource Impact, NICE Present for all items

Janine Wigmore, Public Involvement Adviser, NICE Present for all items

Deonee Stanislaus, Coordinator, NICE Present for all items

Zoe Jones, Administrator, NICE Present for all items

1. Introduction to the meeting
   1. The chair welcomed members of the committee and other attendees present to the meeting.
   2. The chair noted apologies from Anne Scott, Ghada Ahmed, Jonathan Weir-McCall, Michael Messenger, Rashmi Kumar, Rebecca Allcock, Jonathan Shapey, Carole Gavin, Tim England and David Werring.
2. News and announcements
   1. The Chair informed attendees that Dr Karen Sennett and Dr Brendan Meyer would be standing down from the Diagnostics Advisory Committee after today’s meeting and thanked them for their contribution to the committee.
3. Minutes from the last meeting
   1. The committee approved the minutes of the committee meeting held on 27 July 2023.
4. Evaluation of Artificial intelligence (AI) software to help clinical decision making in stroke
   1. Part 1 – Open session
      1. The chair welcomed specialist committee members, external assessment group representatives, members of the public and company representatives from insert company name.
      2. The chair asked all committee members, specialist committee members and clinical experts to indicate if they had any further interests to declare, in addition to those declared in advance of the meeting. All interests declared for this assessment are listed on the registers available on the NICE website here: <https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/indevelopment/gid-dg10044>
      3. The Committee proceeded to discuss the stakeholder comments on the addendum for the Artificial intelligence (AI) software to help clinical decision making in stroketopic.

The Committee was asked if there were any specific equality issues to consider in relation to this assessment.

* + 1. The Chair asked the company representatives whether they wished to comment on any matters of factual accuracy.
    2. The Chair thanked the external assessment group, company representatives, and public observers for their attendance at the meeting.
    3. The Chair explained that “representatives of the press and other members of the public be excluded from the remainder of this meeting having regard to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, publicity on which would be prejudicial to the public interest (Section 1(2) Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960)” and the external assessment group, manufacturer representatives and public observers left the meeting.
  1. Part 2 – Closed session
     1. The committee discussed confidential information submitted for this item.
     2. The committee discussed next steps.
     3. The committee then agreed on the content of the Diagnostics Consultation Document (DCD). The committee decision was reached by consensus.
     4. The committee asked the NICE technical team to prepare the Diagnostics Consultation Document (DCD) in line with their decisions.

1. Date of the next meeting

The next meeting of the Diagnostics Advisory Committee (DAC) will be held on 28 September 2023 and will start promptly at 09:00.