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Centre for Health Technology Evaluation

# Highly Specialised Technologies Evaluation Committee (HSTEC) meeting minutes

**Minutes:** Confirmed

**Date:** Wednesday 8 May 2024

**Location:** Via Zoom

## Attendees

Committee members present

1. Dr Paul Arundel (Chair) Present for all items
2. Professor Iolo Doull (Vice Chair) Items 1.1 to 4.3
3. Emtiyaz Chowdhury Present for all items
4. Sarah Davis Present for all items
5. Carrie Gardner Present for all items
6. Tina Garvey Present for all items
7. Professor Jonathan Ives Items 1.1 to 4.3
8. Sara Payne Present for all items
9. Professor Ed Wilson Present for all items

NICE staff (key players) present

Jasdeep Hayre, Associate Director Present for all items

Celia Mayers, Project Manager Present for all items

Alan Moore, Health Technology Assessment Adviser Present for all items

Cara Gibbons, Health Technology Assessment Analyst Present for all items

External assessment group representatives present

Peter Auguste, Warwick Evidence Items 1.1 to 4.2.1

Emanuela Castelnuovo, Warwick Evidence Items 1.1 to 4.2.1

Clinical, Patient & NHS England experts present

Funmi Dasaolu, patient expert, nominated by Anthony Nolan & Sickle Cell Society Items 1.1 to 4.1.3

Toby Bakare, patient expert, nominated by Anthony Nolan & Sickle Cell Society Items 1.1 to 4.1.3

Dr Emma Drasar, clinical expert, Consultant Haematologist, nominated by nominated by Anthony Nolan & Sickle Cell Society Items 1.1 to 4.1.3

Dr Ben Carpenter, clinical expert, Consultant Haematologist, nominated by Vertex Items 1.1 to 4.1.3

Dr Josh Wright, clinical expert, Consultant Haematologist, nominated by Anthony Nolan & Sickle Cell Society Items 1.1 to 4.1.3

Dr Sanjeev Patel, IMF Lead, NHS England Present for all items

*Please note that alongside the attendees listed in this document, there were additional NICE Staff present in this meeting. These attendees were not involved in the decision making or discussions.*

## Minutes

### Introduction to the meeting

* 1. The Chair, Dr Paul Arundel, welcomed members of the committee and other attendees present to the meeting.
	2. The Chair noted apologies from Angharad Shamber, Dr Shehla Mohammed, and Stuart Mealing.

### News and announcements

* 1. None.

### Minutes from the last meeting

* 1. The committee minutes of the committee meeting held on Wednesday 10 April 2024 were not available but will be confirmed at a future meeting.

### Appraisal of exagamglogene autotemcel for treating sickle cell disease [ID4016]

* 1. Part 1 – Open session
		1. The Chair welcomed the invited experts, external assessment group representatives, members of the public, and company representatives from Vertex.
		2. The Chair asked all committee members and experts, external assessment group representatives and NICE staff present to declare any relevant interests in relation to the item being considered. Declarations for this appraisal can be found on the Topic Register of Interest (TROI) on the topic webpage, [here](https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/indevelopment/gid-ta11249).
		3. The Chair led a discussion of the consultation comments presented to the committee. This information was presented to the committee by the Chair.
	2. Part 2a – Closed session (members of the public and experts were asked to leave the meeting).
		1. The committee discussed confidential information submitted for this item.
	3. Part 2b – Closed session (company representatives and external assessment group representatives were asked to leave the meeting)
		1. The committee then agreed on the content of the Draft Guidance (DG) or Final Draft Guidance (FDG). The committee decision was reached by consensus.
		2. The committee asked the NICE technical team to prepare the Draft Guidance (DG) or Final Draft Guidance (FDG) in line with their decisions.
* Further updates will be available on the topic webpage in due course: <https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/indevelopment/gid-ta11249>

### Date of the next meeting

The next meeting of the Highly Specialised Technologies Evaluation Committee (HSTEC) will be held on Wednesday 12 June 2024 and will start promptly at 09:00am.