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Termination of Pregnancy Committee meeting 2

Date: 23/01/2018

Location: RCOG, London

Minutes: Confirmed



Committee members present:

Iain Cameron (Chair)	(Present for notes 1-7)
Sharon Cameron (Topic adviser)	(Present for notes 1-7)
Joanne Fletcher	(Present for notes 1-7)
Kati Gray	(Present for notes 1-7)
Patricia Lohr	(Present for notes 1-7)
Jonathan Lord	(Present for notes 1-7)
Sarah Makstutis	(Present for notes 1-7)
Michael Nevill	(Present for notes 1-7)
Kate Randall	(Present for notes 1-7)
Clare Searle	(Present for notes 1-7)
Peter Taylor	(Present for notes 1-7)

In attendance:

Nick Staples	NICE Guideline Commissioning Manager	(Present for notes 1-7)
Angela Bennett	NGA Guideline Lead	(Present for notes 1-7)
Melanie Davies	NGA Clinical Advisor	(Present for notes 5-7)
Elise Hasler	NGA Information Scientist	(Present for notes 3, 6-7)
Eleanor Howat	NGA Project Manager	(Present for notes 1-7)
Laura O'Shea	NGA Systematic Reviewer	(Present for notes 1-7)
Mia Schmidt-Hansen	NGA Senior Systematic Reviewer	(Present for notes 1-3, 5-7)
Kelly Williams	NGA Systematic Reviewer	(Present for notes 1-7)

Apologies:

Alex Bates	NGA Health Economist
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1a. Welcome and objectives for the meeting

The Chair welcomed the Committee members and attendees to the second meeting on Termination of Pregnancy.

The Chair informed the Committee that apologies had been received. These are noted above.

The Chair outlined the objectives of the meeting, which included: preparing review question protocols, reviewing evidence and making recommendations.

1b. Confirmation of matter under discussion, declarations of interest, and signing off the minutes of GC1

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

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

Name	Job title, organisation	Declarations of Interest, date declared	Type of interest	Decision taken
Joanne Fletcher	Nurse Consultant Gynaecology, Sheffield teaching hospitals NHS foundation trust, Senior Visiting lecturer, Sheffield University	Recent publication: Vacuum aspiration for induced abortion could be safely and legally performed by nurses and midwives. Journal of Family Planning & Reproductive Healthcare, published online Jan 2017, journal October 2017 [declared 7.11.2017]	Personal, non-financial, specific	Declare and withdraw from discussions of review questions that include manual vacuum aspiration
Joanne Fletcher	Nurse Consultant Gynaecology, Sheffield teaching hospitals NHS foundation trust, Senior Visiting lecturer, Sheffield University	Publication: Fletcher, J. (2013) Latex allergy in women's health care. The Practising Midwife 16(7), 33-36. Unpaid. [declared 7.11.2017]	Personal, non-financial, non-specific	Declare and participate

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Joanne Fletcher	Nurse Consultant Gynaecology, Sheffield teaching hospitals NHS foundation trust, Senior Visiting lecturer, Sheffield University	Co-authored publication: 2010, Termination of pregnancy services: experiences of gynaecological nurses. Journal of Advanced Nursing 66(10), 2245-2256. Unpaid. [declared 7.11.2017]	Personal, non-financial, specific	Declare and participate
Joanne Fletcher	Nurse Consultant Gynaecology, Sheffield teaching hospitals NHS foundation trust, Senior Visiting lecturer, Sheffield University	Contributed to Oxford Handbook of Women's Health Nursing (chapter 14 – Unwanted Fertility) (2010). Oxford University Press. Unpaid. [declared 7.11.2017]	Personal, non-financial, non-specific	Declare and participate
Joanne Fletcher	Nurse Consultant Gynaecology, Sheffield teaching hospitals NHS foundation trust, Senior Visiting lecturer, Sheffield University	Co-wrote and edited Royal College of Nursing (2008) Abortion guidelines for nurses. Midwives and community health practitioners, RCN. Unpaid. [declared 7.11.2017]	Personal, non-financial, specific	Declare and participate
Joanne Fletcher	Nurse Consultant Gynaecology, Sheffield teaching hospitals NHS foundation trust, Senior Visiting lecturer, Sheffield University	Contribute to SANDS Guidelines for health professionals (2007) – Abortion & miscarriage management chapters. Unpaid. [declared 7.11.2017]	Personal, non-financial, specific	Declare and participate
Joanne	Nurse	Co-authored publication:	Personal,	Declare and

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Fletcher	Consultant Gynaecology, Sheffield teaching hospitals NHS foundation trust, Senior Visiting lecturer, Sheffield University	2006. Chlamydia screening in pregnancy: A missed opportunity? British Journal of midwifery, July 2006. 14(7). 390-392. Unpaid [declared 7.11.2017]	non-financial, non-specific	participate
Joanne Fletcher	Nurse Consultant Gynaecology, Sheffield teaching hospitals NHS foundation trust, Senior Visiting lecturer, Sheffield University	Co-authored publication: 2003. Medical termination of pregnancy in the late first trimester. The Journal of Family Planning & Reproductive Health Care. 29(4). 243-244. (Awarded Organon Laboratories prize for best oral presentation at Faculty of family Planning & Reproductive Health Care AGM, May 2003). Unpaid. [declared 7.11.2017]	Personal, non-financial, specific	Declare and participate
Joanne Fletcher	Nurse Consultant Gynaecology, Sheffield teaching hospitals NHS foundation trust, Senior Visiting lecturer, Sheffield University	Co-authored publication: 2002. Therapeutic termination of pregnancy. Current Obstetrics & Gynaecology, vol.12. 22-27. Unpaid. [declared 7.11.2017]	Personal, non-financial, specific	Declare and participate
Joanne Fletcher	Nurse Consultant Gynaecology, Sheffield teaching hospitals NHS foundation trust, Senior Visiting	Co-authored publication: 2000. Termination of pregnancy: patients perceptions of care. The Journal of Family Planning & Reproductive Health Care. 27(2). 72-	Personal, non-financial, specific	Declare and participate

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	lecturer, Sheffield University	77. Unpaid. [declared 7.11.2017]		
Joanne Fletcher	Nurse Consultant Gynaecology, Sheffield teaching hospitals NHS foundation trust, Senior Visiting lecturer, Sheffield University	Co-authored publication: 1999. Low dose mifepristone with vaginal misoprostol for first trimester termination of pregnancy: a report of 2000 consecutive cases. Women's Health – Into the New Millennium. Abstract Book from the Fourth International Scientific Meeting of the Royal College of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists (South Africa). Unpaid. [declared 7.11.2017]	Personal, non- financial, specific	Declare and participate
Joanne Fletcher	Nurse Consultant Gynaecology, Sheffield teaching hospitals NHS foundation trust, Senior Visiting lecturer, Sheffield University	Co-authored publication: 1998. A comparison of medical and surgical termination of pregnancy: choice, emotional impact and satisfaction with care. British Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology. Vol.105: 1288-1295. Unpaid. [declared 7.11.2017]	Personal, non- financial, specific	Declare and participate
Joanne Fletcher	Nurse Consultant Gynaecology, Sheffield teaching hospitals NHS foundation trust, Senior Visiting lecturer, Sheffield	Co-authored publication: 1997. Impact of new methods on therapeutic abortion at the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh. (Correspondence). British Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology. Vol. 104: 871.	Personal, non- financial, specific	Declare and participate

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	University	Unpaid. [declared 7.11.2017]		
Joanne Fletcher	Nurse Consultant Gynaecology, Sheffield teaching hospitals NHS foundation trust, Senior Visiting lecturer, Sheffield University	Co-authored publication: 1996. A comparison of Medical and Surgical Methods of Termination of Pregnancy: Choice, Psychological Consequences and Satisfaction with Care. A report commissioned and funded by Sheffield Health. Unpaid. [declared 7.11.2017]	Personal, non-financial, specific	Declare and participate
Kati Gray		No declarations		
Patricia Lohr	Medical Director, British Pregnancy Advisory Service (BPAS)	Representation at the Oireachtas Committee on the Eighth Amendment in Dublin. My talk will mainly be on Irish women's experiences of travelling to BPAS to obtain abortion care and will touch on things like cost, method mix, gestational age at presentation, disparities in contraception uptake and receipt and the disadvantages of the legal framework within which we work in GB from a clinical perspective. I will also speak a bit on statistics and the safety of abortion. Travel expenses only. [Declared 20.11.2017]	Personal, financial specific,	Declare and participate as travel expenses within reasonable amounts.
Jonathan Lord	Consultant in Obstetrics & Gynaecology,	Delegate, ESHRE annual scientific conference 2017 (travel	Personal, financial, non-specific	Declare and participate as expenses

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	Royal Cornwall Hospital	expenses paid by CellOxess; I am not aware of any links to any product used in abortion care) [declared on 9.11.2017]		not beyond reasonable amounts
Jonathan Lord	Consultant in Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Royal Cornwall Hospital	On 8.9.17 attended inaugural UK and Netherlands Advisory Panel Meeting for Minimally Invasive Surgery for which expenses were paid by Hologic (medical devices manufacturer; I am not aware of any links to any product used in abortion care). [declared on 9.11.2017]	Personal, financial, non-specific	Declare and participate as expenses not beyond reasonable amounts
Jonathan Lord	Consultant in Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Royal Cornwall Hospital	Member, Chapter M Gynae and N Obstetrics Expert Working Group, NHS Digital (travel expenses paid) [declared on 9.11.2017]	Personal, financial, non-specific	Declare and participate as expenses not beyond reasonable amounts
Sharon Cameron	Clinical Lead for Sexual and Reproductive Health services, NHS Lothian	I have published papers on abortion expressing my opinions. The papers published/ accepted in the last 12 months related to abortion are: 1. Hognert H, Kopp Kallner H, Cameron S et al. Insertion of an etonogestrel releasing implant at medical abortion does not affect the efficacy of treatment but reduce subsequent unintended pregnancy – a randomised controlled equivalence trial. Human Reproduction 2016 Sep 22. [Epub ahead of print] PMID:27664217 2. Kavanagh A, Wielding S, Sim J, Cochrane R,	Personal, non-financial, specific	Declare and participate

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		Johnstone A, Cameron S. Abortion or a termination of pregnancy? Views from abortion care providers in Scotland on abortion terminology. BMJ sexual & Reprod Health Care 2018 (accepted subject to revision) 3. Sherman S, Cattnach D, Harden J, Cameron S. Providing experiential information on the early medical abortion: a qualitative evaluation of an animated testimonial, 'Lara's story' J Fam Plann Reprod Health Care 2017 43(4):269-273. 4. Cameron S, Lohr P, Ingham. Abortion terminology: views of women seeking abortion in Britain. J Fam Plann Reprod Health Care 2017 43(4):265-268 5. Millar S, Cameron ST. Comparison of two low sensitivity urine pregnancy tests used for the self-assessment of the success of early medical abortion. BMJ Sexual and reproductive healthcare 17 Nov 25. pii: jfprhc-2017-101868. doi: 10.1136/bmjshr-2017-101868. [Epub ahead of print] 6. ESHRE Capri Workshop Group. Induced Abortion. Hum Reprod 2017 Apr 10:1-		
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		10. doi: 10.1093/humrep/dex071. 7. Purcell C, Cameron S, Lawton J, Glasier A, Harden J. Self-management of first trimester medical termination of pregnancy: a qualitative study of women's experiences. BJOG. 2017 Dec;124(13):1983-1992. 8. Purcell C, Riddell J, Brown A, Cameron S, Melville C, Flett G, Bhushan Y, McDaid L. Women's experiences of more than one termination of pregnancy within two years: a mixed-methods study. BJOG 2017sep 18.doi 10.1111/1471-0528.1940 Epub ahead of print] [declared 23.1.2018]		
Peter Taylor	Commissioning Lead, Public Health, Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames	On occasion, I am asked to speak at conferences in fields outside of my termination of pregnancy Commissioner role (primarily relating to fertility treatment) for which I receive honorarium. I have only spoken at one such event in the past year (up to January 2018) which did not relate to termination of pregnancy. [declared 23.01.2018]	Personal, financial, non-specific	Declare and participate.
The Chair and a senior member of the Developer's team noted that Joanne Fletcher				

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has a conflict of interest with question 2.8 and cannot participate in discussion during agenda item 8. Due to a change in schedule on the day this agenda item was not discussed.

The Chair and a senior member of the Developer's team noted that the other interests declared did not prevent the attendees from fully participating in the meeting.

The Chair asked the Committee if it wanted any changes made to the minutes of the last meeting. The Committee suggested the following changes:

- Amend the description of the discussion under Item 6: Other issues, to the following:

“The committee discussed the role of law and how this would impact the guideline and its implementation in Wales and Northern Ireland. NICE staff confirmed that the relevant framework was the English legal framework, as the NICE is commissioned to make guidelines by NHS England. The GC should continue to make recommendations based on the available evidence of clinical and cost effectiveness. The wording of these recommendations will need to be structured with the relevant legal framework in mind.”

The Chair confirmed that all matters arising had been completed or were in hand.

2. Presentation on MIDs

The Chair introduced Kelly Williams, NGA Systematic Reviewer, who gave a presentation on minimal important difference (MIDs).

3. Presentation and discussion of review protocols

The Chair introduced Kelly Williams, NGA Systematic Reviewer, who led a discussion with the committee to finalise and sign off the protocols for the following review questions:

- 2.3 What is the optimal antibiotic prophylaxis regimen (including no antibiotic prophylaxis as an option) for women who are having medical termination of pregnancy?
- 2.4 What is the optimal antibiotic prophylaxis regimen for women who are having surgical termination of pregnancy?
- 2.6 What is the optimal regimen for cervical priming (including no cervical

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priming as an option) before surgical termination of pregnancy up to and including 13+6 weeks gestation? • 2.7 What is the optimal regimen for cervical priming before surgical termination of pregnancy after 14+0 weeks?
4. Discussion of co-opted GC members and expert witnesses
The Chair introduced Angela Bennett, NGA Guideline Lead, who led a discussion about co-opted GC members/expert witnesses.
5. Presentation of evidence review 2.12
The Chair introduced Kelly Williams, NGA Systematic Reviewer, who gave a presentation on EVIDENCE REVIEW: 2.12 For women who are having medical termination of pregnancy and plan to use a progestogen-only contraceptive implant or depot injection, does administration of the contraception at the same time as mifepristone influence the efficacy of the termination? The committee discussed the evidence presented and agreed draft recommendations.
6. Presentation of PICO 1.1
The Chair introduced Mia Schmidt-Hansen, NGA Senior Systematic Reviewer, who led a discussion with the committee to draft a PICO for the following review question: • 1.1 What information should women who have requested a termination of pregnancy be offered before they have the procedure?
7. Any other business
There were no other items of business.

Date of next meeting: 27/02/2018

Location of next meeting: RCOG, London