

Independent High-Risk Aerosol Generating Procedures (AGP) Panel

10th meeting held on 8th February 2021 14:30-15:30

Microsoft Teams meeting

Welcome, introductions and apologies.

1. The Chair welcomed the panel members attending. The attendees were as follows: Jacqui Reilly (Chair), Martin Llewelyn, James Tysome, Alistair Leanord, Mel Burden, Ema Swingwood, Shaun Fitzgerald, David Farren, Kerry Broom (Secretariat), Jordan Charlesworth (Secretariat) and Viviana Finistrella (Secretariat). Apologies were received from Nick Murch, David Jenkins, Cariad Evans, Gail Carson.

Review and approval of minutes and actions

2. The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as factually correct with no further comments. Outstanding actions from the previous meeting were discussed and updated.

Discussion of a project proposal for review of the extant AGP list

3. The Chair noted that outside of the scheduled UK IPC Cell review of the UK AGP list, an independent review may be beneficial. A proposal document was presented outlining the scope of the review, the aims, objectives, key questions and rationale, alongside the resources required and timescales. The final version of this proposal will be presented to the Chief Medical Officer (CMO)

Consideration of AERATOR study Pre-print and collation of feedback for NIHR

4. The panel spent time discussing the AERATOR study pre-print that was shared previously. The pre-print was shared with the panel through the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) AGP Research Task and Finish group.
5. The panel discussed the methodology and concluded that this study was well conducted in terms of extant aerosol science and adds to the growing body of aerosol evidence being conducted during the pandemic. The panel noted the limitations in the evidence of transmission risk specific evidence and a need for further research in this regard to inform IPC guidance.

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6. The Chair informed the panel that the lead on the NIHR AGP Research Task and Finish group is seeking the input of a range of expertise in considering the AGP research agenda. Ema Swingwood, Mel Burden and James Tysome offered to be involved.
7. The Chair highlighted the new [Interim guidance from WHO on Occupational Health and Safety for Health Workers](#) to the panel.

8. Panel members were reminded about the systematic review academic publication. Previous feedback is being actioned and the finalised version will be circulated to the panel ahead of publication.