

Independent High Risk AGP Panel

Third Meeting on 26 August 2020

10:30-12:30

Microsoft Teams Teleconference

Welcome, introductions and apologies

1. Professor Jacqui Reilly welcomed attendees to the third meeting of the Independent High-Risk Aerosol-Generating Procedure (AGP) Panel.
2. The attendees were as follows: Jacqui Reilly (Chair), Jennie Wilson (Deputy Chair), David Jenkins, Alistair Leanord, Nick Murch, Gail Carson, Martin Llewelyn, Mel Burden, David Farren and Jordan Charlesworth (Secretariat).
3. Apologies were noted from Cariad Evans, Shaun Fitzgerald, Viviana Finistrella (Secretariat) and Kerry Broom (Secretariat).

Review and approval of minutes and actions

4. 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 proposed approaches to evidence consideration and panel output generation

5. The panel discussed approaches to reviewing/grading evidence on procedures in generating outputs.
6. It was suggested that outputs should convey the level of theoretical risk associated with a procedure, methods of communicating this were discussed.

Update on approach to the systematic literature review and international scoping work - consideration of responsibilities and next steps

7. It was noted that support for the systematic evidence review is currently being sought via a representative of the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC). A draft protocol and research questions were presented.
8. A subgroup was formed to support with evidence reviewing alongside the research team - to be identified.
9. An update on the international scoping work was provided. Representatives of approximately thirty countries were contacted with a request for evidence. This evidence is being used to develop a table for comparison of AGP lists and recommendations between countries.

Discussion of extant requests and responses from the panel

10. The Chair noted that the requests received, and responses given by Public Health England (PHE), DHSC, the COVID-19 UK Infection Prevention & Control (IPC) Cell and NERVTAG to extant requests had been summarised. An updated standard response was to be produced for requests that require one based on this summary.
11. It was noted that a request related to respiratory suctioning has been received via Health Protection Scotland and the UK IPC cell and that this will be addressed by the systematic review