

## **Independent High Risk AGP Panel**

**Fifth Meeting on 6 October 2020**

**13:00-14:30**

**Microsoft Teams Teleconference**

### **Welcome, introductions and apologies**

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

### **Review and approval of minutes and actions**

4. The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as factually correct with no further comments.
5. The panel was informed that an additional physiotherapist member is being sought by CMOs office to be co-opted as a member in this field given the previous nominee has not responded to date.

### **Update on approach to the systematic review by the associated subgroup**

6. The Evidence for Policy and Practice Information (EPPI) team has found a number of relevant papers from their review. Initially 68 papers were found and after screening there were a possible 16 for inclusion. The EPPI team are extracting the data and exploring a plausibility criteria assessment. The evidence tables will soon be put together and shared with the subgroup.
7. The Chair informed members that CDC yesterday updated their guidance at the following link: <https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2020/s1005-how-spread-covid.html>. The updated guidance states that the main route is via droplets and aerosols. There was also discussion around the Scottish Dental review (Paper AGP Panel 05-29 (03)).
8. There was agreement to draw on the expertise from external experts who could be co-opted due to expertise in risk communication, ear, nose & throat (ENT) surgery, and additional capacity for aerosol science.

### **Update on international scoping work**

9. Data has been obtained from 14 countries and are being drafted into a table.
10. The finished table of international AGPs would identify countries where there is a difference, and also for areas of future research.

**Update from Secretariat: requests received and responses to queries**

11. A letter from the AGP alliance was noted and that the outputs from the review underway would address the concerns being raised by this group.