

## **Independent High-Risk Aerosol Generating Procedures (AGP) Panel**

**7<sup>th</sup> Meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2020 10:00-12:00**

### **Microsoft Teams meeting**

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

1. Professor Jacqui Reilly welcomed the panel members and introduced co-opted experts James Tysome, Alexandra Freeman and Adam Boise, who assisted with the systematic review.
2. The attendees were Jacqui Reilly (Chair), Nick Murch, David Jenkins, David Farren Gail Carson, Mel Burden, Cariad Evans, Martin Llewelyn, James Tysome, Alexandra Freeman, Ema Swingwood, Adam Boies, Jennie Wilson, Shaun Fitzgerald and Jordan Charlesworth (Secretariat), Kerry Broom (Secretariat), Viviana Finistrella (Secretariat). Apologies were received from Alistair Leanord and Simon Parker.

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

3. The minutes of the previous meeting (20<sup>th</sup> October) were accepted. Outstanding actions from the previous meeting were discussed and updated.

#### **Update on the systematic review (SR) by the associated subgroup**

4. The draft systematic review findings, evidence tables, as well as the Background Document and other papers have all been circulated to panel members.
5. The review document will inform the Panel's advice. The panel reviewed the systematic review documents in detail. The limitations of some studies were discussed as was coughing and its definition. It was agreed that there were many levels of uncertainty around coughing and susceptibility. There was also discussion about a future research recommendation being needed in this regard.

#### **Update on International Scoping Review**

6. It was noted that a summary of international AGP procedures to inform advice was making good progress.

#### **Update on meeting between the Chair and IPC Cell**

7. An update was provided on the meeting held with the UK IPC cell. Communication has been received from the AGP Alliance requesting procedures to be added to the UK AGP list. The IPC cell has received no evidence to alter the list.
8. Panel members were also updated about IPC cell guidance following recent published reviews on AGP procedures. It was noted that the panel does not now need to review dental procedures or suctioning as these decisions have been made in the guidance.

#### **Discussion of panel work with respect to physiotherapy and Review of new panel request.**

9. A new request has come from via the IPC cell from the Association of Respiratory Technology and Physiology (ARTP). There is concern about the acknowledgement of

some physiotherapy interventions as AGPs. The Chair agreed to discuss with UK IPC Cell colleagues to consider this enquiry in the context of physiotherapy issues.

#### **7. AGP Task & Finish group – update on meeting with Chair**

10. The chair of the panel met with the clinical lead for the NIHR AGP task & finish group. It was noted that this group has a clinical research agenda wider than COVID-19, but that the pandemic gives an opportunity for further studies to improve our knowledge and understanding on AGPs and will feed into the wider international research agenda.

#### **8. A.O.B**

11. The co-opted members were thanked for their work.