

Independent High-Risk Aerosol Generating Procedures (AGP) Panel

9th Meeting held on 10th December 2020 09:30-11:30

Microsoft Teams meeting

Welcome, introductions and apologies

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

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.

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

3. The background section, summary of advice, and findings of the literature search are currently with the CMO for approval. The Summary of recommendations would be published on the AGP panel webpage imminently. The Protocol used for the evidence review will potentially be published on [Open Science Foundation](#).
4. The International piece of work is to be shared with international colleagues as well as the WHO. More work is needed if it were to be published separately, this will be taken forward so it can be released on the panel website content.

Next steps and action plan for the panel in 2021

5. The panel was updated regarding the research agenda work. There have been further discussions with the Clinical research NIHR AGP Task and Finish group. Panel members will support with expertise as required. The outputs from research with recommendations for guidance will be picked up by the IPC cell to update the evidence for the UK AGP list.
6. With regards to the proposed review of the extant AGP list the panel agreed funding was required to support this and this would be given as advice to the four CMOs. The panel noted the importance of engaging widely on such a piece of work inclusive of the UK IPC cell, the Intensive Care Society (ICS) group, and the NIHR AGP task and finish group. There should also be inclusion of other procedures identified from the rapid review undertaken by the panel. It was noted to be important that the AGP panel had a link into the academic clinicians and aerosol science groups to enable the correct expertise and the correct scoping of the work should it be funded.
7. Bi-monthly meetings were decided to be appropriate, following publication of the recommendations, to be reactive to the IPC cell needs going forward.

Update on meeting between the Chair and IPC Cell (04/12/20)

8. An update was provided about the apparent differences in the healthcare and education AGP lists, it was confirmed that this was due to version control issues and had since been resolved.

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9. Panel members were made aware of the recently published CDC guidance (community, work & school)¹ and the WHO Interim technical guidance on mask use².

¹ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Recommendations on ventilation in buildings, available online, here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/ventilation.html>

² World Health Organization, Mask use in the context of COVID-19: interim guidance, 1 December 2020, available online, here: <https://apps.who.int/iris/handle/10665/337199>