# NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE EXCELLENCE

Centre for Health Technology Evaluation

# Diagnostics Advisory Committee (DAC) meeting minutes

**Minutes:** Confirmed

**Date and time:** 11 March 2025

**Location:** Via Zoom

## Attendees

Committee members present

1. Brian Shine (Chair) Present for all items
2. Alex Novak Present for all items
3. Diane Davies Present for all items
4. Farai Goromonzi Present for all items
5. John Cairns Present for items 3 - 4.2.3
6. Jonathan Weir-McCall Present for all items
7. Matt Stevenson Present for all items
8. Neil Hawkins Present for all items
9. Patrick McGinley Present for all items
10. Rashmi Kumar Present for all items
11. Rebecca Allcock Present for items 3 - 4.2.3
12. Sam Creavin Present for all items
13. Joy Allen Present for items 1 - 4.2.1
14. Ruth Ajayi Present for all items

**Specialist committee members present**

Elizabeth KingdomPresent for items 1 - 2

Emran Hussain Present for items 1 - 2

Jane Lam Present for items 1 - 2

Joycee Rebelo Present for items 1 - 2

Katy James Present for items 1 - 2

Stuart Williams Present for items 3 - 5

Victoria Fawcett Present for items 3 - 5

Baljit Singh Present for items 3 - 5

Faidon Laskaratos Present for items 3 - 5

Ibrahim Al Bakir Present for items 3 - 5

Carolyn Davison Present for items 3 - 5

John Morris Present for items 3 - 5

Carole Pitkeathley Present for items 3 - 5

**Experts**

David Clark Present for items 1- 2.2

Rachel Heggart Present for items 1- 2.2

Joanna Hillier Present for items 1- 2.2

James Turvill Present for items 3 - 4.2

**External assessment group representatives present**

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| Nigel Fleeman |  | Present for items 1-2.2 |
| Sam Bryning |  | Present for items 1-2.2 |
| James Mahon |  | Present for items 1-2.2 |
| Paul Tappenden |  | Present for items 3-4.2 |
| Sue Harnan |  | Present for items 3-4.2 |
| Mon Mon Yee |  | Present for items 3-4.2 |

NICE staff present

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| Lizzy Latimer | Associate Director, Diagnostics Assessment | Present for all items |
| Deonee Stanislaus | Project Manager | Present for all items |
| Ella van Bergen | Project Coordinator | Present for all items |
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| Ziad Asran | Project Coordinator | Present for all items |
| Vincent Ogba | Administrator | Present for all items |
| Sana Issa | MIP Coordinator | Present for all items |
| Ziqi Zhou | Technical Analyst | Present for all items |
| Amy Crossley | Technical Adviser | Present for all items |
| Nancy Pursey | Technical Analyst | Present for all items |
| Shabnam Thapa | Technical Analyst | Present for all items |
| Elaine Sale | Administrator | Present for all items |
| Charlotte Pelekanou | HTA Adviser | Present for items 1-2.2.3 |
| Katharina Dworzynski | Topic Lead | Present for all items |
| Robbie Pitcher | HTA Analyst | Present for items 3-4.2.3 |
| Suzie Panek | RIA | Present for items 3- 4.2.3 |
| Tara Chernick | Implementation support manager | Present for all items |
| Sana Isa | MIP Coordinator | Present for all items |
| Helen Barnett | Senior guidance content designer | Present for all items |
| Frances Nixon | HTA Adviser | Present for items 3 - 4.2.3 |
| Joanne Heaney | Project Manager | Present for all items |

Sarah Abraham Technical Analyst Present for items 1-2.2.3

Tom Lawrence Technical Adviser Present for items 1-2.2.3

Vera Unwin Senior Analyst Present for items 1-2.2.3

Toby Sands HTA Analyst Present for items 3- 4.2.3

Michael Kertanegara Associate Healthtech Analyst Present for items 3- 4.2.3

Victoria Carter Implementation support Manager Present for items 3- 4.2.3

Ruth Melville Senior guidance Content Designer Present for items 3- 4.2.3

Matt Brown Digital Media Manager Present for all items

Erin Whittingham Public Involvement Adviser Present for items 1- 2.2.3

Rebecca Albrow A.D Diagnostics Assessment programme Present for all items

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| Sana Issa, Coordinator, Meetings in Public, NICE | Present for all items |
| Vera Unwin, Evidence Generation, NICE | Present for items 1- 2.2.3 |
| Victoria Carter**,** Implementation Support Manager**,** | Present for items 3 - 4.2.3 |

## Minutes

**Topic 1: Digital front door technologies to pre-assess people before assessment for NHS Talking Therapies**

1. Introduction to the meeting
   1. The Chair welcomed members of the committee and other attendees present to the meeting.
   2. The Chair noted apologies from standing committee members Keith Abrams, John Cairns, Ghada Ahmed, Anne Scott, Rebecca Allcock
   3. The Chair confirmed the committee had approved the minutes of the committee meeting held on 22 October 2024.
2. Appraisal of Digital front door technologies to pre-assess people before assessment for NHS Talking Therapies

2.1. Part 1 – Open session

2.1.1. The Chair welcomed external assessment group (EAG) representatives, members of the public, and company representatives from Limbic, and Wysa.

2.1.2. The Chair introduced the clinical experts with experience of the technologies being assessed, and asked all committee members, specialist committee members and experts to declare any new relevant interests in relation to the topic being considered in addition to those declared in advance of the meeting.

2.1.3. The Committee proceeded to discuss the comments made during the public consultation for the Digital front door technologies to pre-assess people before assessment for NHS Talking Therapies assessment. The Committee was asked if there were any specific equality issues to consider in relation to this assessment.

2.1.4. The Chair asked the company representatives whether they wished to comment on any matters of factual accuracy.

2.1.5. The Chair thanked the company representatives, public observers and the External Assessment Group for their attendance at the meeting.

2.1.6. The Chair explained that “representatives of the press and other members of the public be excluded from the remainder of this meeting having regard to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, publicity on which would be prejudicial to the public interest (Section 1(2) Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960)” and the company representatives, public observers, experts and External Assessment Group left the meeting.

2.2. Part 2 - Closed session

2.2.1. The committee discussed confidential information submitted for this item.

2.2.2. The committee discussed next steps.

2.2.3. The committee asked the NICE technical team to prepare the Final Draft Guidance in line with their decisions.

**Topic 2:** **PillCam COLON 2 for investigation of the colon through direct visualisation**

1. Introduction to the meeting
   1. The Chair welcomed members of the committee and other attendees present to the meeting.
   2. The Chair noted apologies from standing committee members Anne Scott, Ghada Ahmed, Keith Abrams, Rashmi Kumar,
2. Appraisal of PillCam COLON 2 for investigation of the colon through direct visualisation
   1. Part 1 – Open session
      1. The Chair welcomed external assessment group (EAG) representatives, experts, members of the public, and company representatives from Medtronic
      2. The Chair introduced one clinical expert with experience of the technologies being assessed, and asked all committee members, specialist committee members and experts to declare any new relevant interests in relation to the topic being considered in addition to those declared in advance of the meeting.
      3. The Committee proceeded to discuss the comments made during the public consultation for the PillCam COLON 2 for investigation of the colon through direct visualisation topic. The Committee was asked if there were any specific equality issues to consider in relation to this assessment.
      4. The Chair asked the company representatives whether they wished to comment on any matters of factual accuracy.
      5. The Chair thanked the company representatives, public observers, experts and the External Assessment Group for their attendance at the meeting.
      6. The Chair explained that “representatives of the press and other members of the public be excluded from the remainder of this meeting having regard to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, publicity on which would be prejudicial to the public interest (Section 1(2) Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960)” and the company representatives, public observers, experts and External Assessment Group left the meeting.
   2. Part 2 – Closed session

4.2.1 The committee discussed confidential information submitted for this item.

4.2.2 The committee discussed next steps and voted on the recommendations they would make in the Final Draft Guidance.

4.2.3 The committee asked the NICE technical team to prepare the Final Draft Guidance in line with their decisions.

1. Date of the next meeting

The next meeting of the Diagnostics Advisory Committee (DAC) will be held on Tuesday 13th May 2025