



## Public Minutes

Meeting: **Prioritisation Group**

Date: **Wednesday 8th June 2011**

Present: Professor Tom Walley, CBE (Chair)  
Professor Imti Choonara  
Professor Sallie Lamb  
Professor Jonathan Michaels  
Dr John Pounsford  
Professor Margaret Thorogood  
Professor Lindsay Turnbull  
Professor Scott Weich  
Professor Hywel Williams

NETSCC, HTA: Miss Kerrie Bayliss  
Dr Bob Coates  
Dr Andrew Cook  
Dr Peter Davidson  
Mrs Rebecca Evans  
Mrs Kate Fenton  
Dr Nick Hicks  
Ms Susan Hird  
Professor Ruairidh Milne  
Dr Vaughan Thomas  
Ms Jill Weeden

Observers: Mrs Ellie Fairbank (NETSCC, HTA)  
Dr Dani Preedy, (NETSCC, EME)  
Dr Cathy Price (NETSCC, ERA)  
Professor Rajesh Thakker (Chair of the EME Board)

### 1. Research priority decisions

The Prioritisation Group considered a total of 20 detailed briefing papers (vignettes) which had previously been prioritised by the six advisory panels. The following research priorities were agreed:

## DISEASE PREVENTION PANEL

PA No	Research type	Title
11/60	Feasibility study (Primary Research)	Family based interventions for young people who misuse alcohol and/or other substances.
11/61	Primary Research	Relapse prevention interventions for smoking cessation

## DIAGNOSTIC TECHNOLOGIES AND SCREENING PANEL

PA No	Research type	Title
11/62	Primary Research	The provision of antenatal information for the NHS Newborn Bloodspot Screening Programme
11/59	Cohort study	Cystatin C test in the assessment of renal function*
11/63	Mixed Methods (Primary Research)	Clinical tools used to assess patients for hip and knee replacement

## EXTERNAL DEVICES AND PHYSICAL THERAPIES PANEL

PA No	Research type	Title
11/64	Feasibility study (Primary Research)	Complex decongestive therapy for women with breast-cancer related lymphoedema of the arm.
11/65	Primary Research	Silk therapeutic clothing for childhood eczema
11/66	Feasibility study (Primary Research)	Return to work after traumatic brain injury

## INTERVENTIONAL PROCEDURES PANEL

PA No	Research type	Title
11/73	Primary Research	Aspiration of subglottic secretions to reduce the incidence of ventilator-associated pneumonia*
11/67	Primary Research	Long-term central venous access devices for the delivery of systemic intravenous therapy - subcutaneously tunnelled central lines versus venous access ports
11/68	Primary Research	Long-term central venous access devices for the delivery of systemic intravenous therapy - subcutaneously tunnelled central lines versus peripherally inserted central catheters

## PHARMACEUTICALS PANEL

PA No	Research type	Title
11/72	Primary Research	Antibiotic therapy for the management of urinary tract infections in patients using intermittent self-catheterisation

## PYSCHOLOGICAL AND COMMUNITY THERAPIES PANEL

PA No	Research type	Title
11/69	Primary Research	Psychological interventions in irritable bowel syndrome
11/70	Evidence Synthesis	Therapeutic writing for people with long-term conditions
11/71	Primary Research	Intensive pelvic floor muscle training to treat female urinary incontinence

Research priorities for advertisement will be published on the HTA website on Friday 22 July 2011.

\* These research priorities will be directly commissioned through a Technology Assessment Report (TAR) Team.

**2. Proposals Prioritised for consideration at the Clinical Evaluation and Trials Board in July 2011.**

Proposal Number	Title	Panel	Decision
10/104/32	The OuTSMART study: A randomized controlled clinical trial to determine whether optimized oral immunotherapy can prevent premature failure of renal transplants due to chronic rejection	PHP	Prioritised
10/104/36	Preventing skeletal distortion in children with cerebral palsy using postural control; a randomised control trial and economic evaluation	PCTP	Prioritised
11/01/29	A randomised controlled trial to assess the impact of a high sensitive troponin assay on clinical outcomes in patients with suspected acute coronary syndrome	DTSP	Prioritised
11/01/07	Managing stigma: a randomised trial of a brief, user-led intervention to help patients manage the stigma of severe mental illness	PCTP	Prioritised
11/01/08	Centre-based cardiac REhabilitation, Self-managemenT or usual care for stable Angina: The CRESTA multi-centre randomised controlled trial	EDaPT	Prioritised
11/01/22	Mobile technology based interventions to increase adherence to a) smoking cessation advice and b) secondary preventative medications in patients at high risk of a cardiovascular event: a 2 x2 factorial trial	DPP	Prioritised
11/01/36	Calcium for Prevention of Pre-eclampsia in high risk women on Aspirin: CaPPA Trial	PHP	Prioritised
11/01/26	Oral STeroids for Resolution of otitis media with effusion (OME) In CHildren: the OSTRICH study	PHP	Prioritised
11/01/41	A multi-centred, stepped wedge, cluster randomised controlled trial to compare the clinical and cost effectiveness of a complex oral health care intervention and standard oral health care in stroke care settings	EDaPT	Prioritised
11/01/01	A Randomised Controlled Trial to Evaluate HPV Testing of Self-collected Samples as a Primary Cervical Screening Test in Women Over Fifty Years of Age	DTSP	Prioritised
11/01/25	Speed of Increasing milk Feeds Trial (SIFT)	PHP	Prioritised
11/01/10	Preventing and Lessening Exacerbations of Asthma in School-age Asthmatics associated with a New Term (PLEASANT)	PHP	Prioritised
11/01/04	HALT-IT trial (Haemorrhage Alleviation with Tranexamic acid–Intestinal System), a large randomised placebo controlled trial among patients with acute gastrointestinal haemorrhage of the effects of tranexamic acid on death and transfusion requirement	PHP	Prioritised
11/01/30	European Society of Intensive Care Medicine study of therapeutic hypothermia (32-35°C) for intracranial pressure reduction after traumatic brain injury Known as the Eurotherm3235Trial, or Neurotherm3235Trial (outside of Europe) ISRCTN 34555414	IPP	Prioritised

11/01/28	Adjustable Single-Incision Mini-Slings Versus Standard Tension-Free Mid-Urethral Slings in the Surgical Management Of Female Stress Urinary Incontinence; A Pragmatic Multicentre Non-Inferiority Randomised Controlled Trial: The SIMS Trial	IPP	Prioritised
11/01/33	Excision Versus Ablation (EVA) for the treatment of Cervical Intraepithelial Neoplasia grade 2 or worse	IPP	Prioritised
11/01/20	Rescue Cerclage in bulging membranes vs expectant management (The RESCUE trial) HTA project reference; WAKMQW1	IPP	Prioritised
11/01/19	Pre-operative inspiratory muscle training in patients undergoing major abdominal surgery - A randomized controlled trial	EDaPT	Prioritised
11/01/42	The Cholesterol, Cardiovascular and Cognition events in the Very Elderly Trial (COVET+)	PHP	Prioritised

### 3. Dates of next meetings

Wednesday 7 September 2011  
Friday 2 December 2011