

SUMMARY OF THE DEVICES EXPERT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 14 September 2017

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The Devices Expert Advisory Committee (DEAC) discussed the following agenda items:

High profile incidents

The Committee discussed the suspension of devices manufactured by Silimed, a large manufacturer of silicone implants in South America. Information of the suspension can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/devices-made-by-silimed>

The Committee discussed the latest regarding *Mycobacterium chimaera* infection of Heater-cooler devices used in cardiac surgery. *Mycobacterium chimaera* are a group of slow growing environmental organisms that may cause respiratory infections or severe disease in immunocompromised patients. Further information can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/drug-device-alerts/heater-cooler-devices-used-in-cardiac-surgery-risk-of-infection-with-mycobacterium-species>

The committee were updated on the latest regarding Breast Implant Associated anaplastic Large Cell Lymphoma. Further information can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/breast-implants-and-anaplastic-large-cell-lymphoma-alcl>

The committee discussed suspension of the CE certificate of the Essure contraceptive device. Further information can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/mhra-statement-on-essure-devices>

Educational items/Items for discussion

The committee discussed the potential implications of Brexit on Medical Device regulation. Further information can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/medicines-and-healthcare-products-regulatory-agency-statement-on-the-outcome-of-the-eu-referendum#history>

The committee discussed plans to include certain Medical Device Alerts in Drug Safety Updates.

The committee discussed plans to improve communications and engagement with Royal Colleges and Professional Bodies.

MHRA presented the benefits of Power BI in improving transparency of Agency work.

External Advice

The Committee received updates and discussed:

- Orthopaedic Expert Advisory Group.

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- Labelling Expert Advisory Group
- Plastics and Reconstructive Aesthetic Surgery Expert Advisory Group

Procedural Items

In addition, the Committee completed its usual procedural business including the need to observe the confidentiality of the meeting, to declare interests, apologies and announcements.

- i. A list of Members and invited experts who attended the meeting is at **Annex A**.
- ii. Medicines Healthcare products Regulatory Agency staff may be present for all or part of the meetings or for specific items.

The next meeting will take place on 22nd February 2018 at 10:30.

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ANNEX A

MEMBERS ATTENDED:

Dr Peter Nightingale FRCA FRCP FFICM FRCP (Edin) **(Chairman)**

Consultant in Anaesthesia & Intensive Care Medicine at Wythenshawe Hospital, South Manchester

Mr Gerard Dean HCPC (Clin.Sci) CEng CSc

Consultant Clinical Engineer; Medical Devices Innovation & Applications Manager, Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust

Dr Kathleen Ferguson MBChB FRCA

Consultant Anaesthetist, Aberdeen Royal Infirmary; Member of Royal College of Anaesthetists (RCOA) and Association of Anaesthetist of Great Britain and Ireland (AAGBI)

Dr Peter Groves MBBS MD FRCP **(Vice Chair)**

Chair of the NICE Medical Technologies Advisory Committee, Past President of the Welsh Cardiovascular Society and previous Council member of the British Cardiovascular Society

Professor Ian Kimber OBE, PhD

Professor of Toxicology at the University of Manchester

Ms Sara Payne BA CPE LPC

Lay Representative. Solicitor

Dr Iain Robertson MBChB MRCP FRCR EBIR

Chair of Scottish Health Technologies Group; Consultant Interventional Radiologist, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde, Past - President of the British Society of Interventional Radiologists

Dr Carl Waldmann MA MB BChir DA FRCA FFICM EDIC

Consultant in ICM and Anaesthesia at the Royal Berkshire Hospital