



One Post available for the Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgery Expert Advisory Group

The Interim Devices Working Group (IDWG) is looking to appoint one expert member to the Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgery Expert Advisory Group (PRASEAG).

PRASEAG is formed of external experts (i.e. clinicians, scientists and lay representative/s) who provide clinical and scientific perspective on the regulation of medical devices used in Plastic Surgery, both for cosmetic and reconstructive procedures.

Currently PRASEAG members are from a range of clinical backgrounds and have a broad range of experiences with different implants used for cosmetic and reconstructive Plastic Surgical procedures.

PRASEAG help MHRA to better understand the risks, benefits and complications that may be caused by devices and medicines used for both reconstructive and cosmetic Plastic Surgical purposes (e.g. BIA-ALCL).

The PRASEAG advise the Interim Devices Working Group and MHRA on:

- The public health importance of safety signals associated with reconstructive and aesthetic medical devices and cosmetic products without an intended medical purpose
- Gaps in knowledge required to validate safety signals and effectively assess benefit and risk, using expertise and knowledge to understand identified risks
- Quantification of risks associated with reconstructive and aesthetic medical devices and products without an intended medical purpose on UK/GB market, the acceptability of these risks and the effectiveness of actions to mitigate risk.
- The development, format and targeting of MHRA outputs, including related policy and best practice guidance.
- MHRA communications with relevant stake holders, including the most effective method to disseminate the safety advice and transparent decision making to the healthcare community and the public.
- Management of safety signals, including prioritisation, information gathering and data generation / analysis.

PRASEAG also input into MHRA statements, advice, and recommendations.

PRASEAG members are not employed by MHRA. PRASEAG members are independent from MHRA and provide their time on a voluntary basis.

Expertise Required

- Member of Joint Council for Cosmetic Practitioners (JCCP)

As a member you will:

- Take full account of the evidence in making decisions and consider the analysis and interpretation of the evidence prepared by MHRA.
- Consider equality, diversity and inclusion in all of the EAG discussions.
- Have a flexible attitude, ability and enthusiasm to work as a team member
- Assessing benefit and risk in relation to evidence presented in order to contribute expertise to generate effective actions to mitigate risk
- Read papers in advance of meetings
- Occasionally comment on documents in between meetings by email
- Keep the work of the EAG confidential

Essential Criteria

The Member must be able to demonstrate the qualities, skills and experience to meet all the essential criteria for appointment.

- Be an active member of JCCP Council
- Must be a registered Healthcare Professional (HCP)
- Be an experienced practitioner who can provide their specialism's perspective on relevant UK practice and medical device-related matters.
- Have the ability to represent the views of the wider JCCP and to feedback the work of PRASEAG to its members.
- Be knowledgeable in the proposed licensing scheme for non-surgical cosmetic devices.
- Experience in a senior role with responsibility for making decisions related to patient safety
- Be experienced at assessing benefit and risk relating to patient safety and substantial and proven interest in medical devices.
- Ability to operate effectively on an expert scientific committee
- Be able to assimilate and interpret complex scientific information and formulate evidence-based comments / advice at short notice
- Be able and prepared to contribute actively to the work of the EAG, including on issues outside of own specialism
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Ability to identify solutions to difficult problems, with an objective, independent and impartial approach
- Flexible attitude, ability, and enthusiasm to work as a team member
- Be willing to develop a working knowledge and understanding of UK medical device regulatory framework and procedures
- Maintain strict confidentiality with respect to the work of the EAG
- Be able to declare conflicts of interest and adhere to the Code of Practice
- Be committed to the values of selflessness, integrity, objectivity, accountability, professionalism, impartiality and consistency.

Desirable Criteria

- The applicant is recognised by their peers as a leader in their field e.g., and Royal College, nationally recognised clinical associations, nationally recognised academic research teams
- The ability to network more widely is desirable.

Remuneration

- You may claim travel and subsistence expenses, which are properly and necessarily incurred in carrying out your role and responsibilities as the member of the PRAS EAG, in line with travel and subsistence policy and rates for the MHRA. A copy of the policy and rates is available from the MHRA.

Time Commitment

- Two meetings per year, held virtually.
- Occasionally take part in short life working groups on specific safety topics outside of the bi-annual meetings
- Ad hoc correspondence outside of the bi-annual meetings, including assessing monthly literature searches as required

Tenure of office

- Three years.

How to Apply

If you are interested in joining the PRASEAG, please email your application form, completed declaration of interests form and monitoring form to CSTrecruitment@mhra.gov.uk, quoting the position and reference **PRASEAG24-3** in the subject field. Please ensure that you provide evidence to support how you meet all of the essential criteria.

If you require an alternative format, please call the Appointments Team on 020 3080 6060 quoting the reference **PRASEAG24-3**.

The closing date for applications is midday 30 September 2024. The MHRA value and promote diversity and encourage applications from all sections of the community.



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