

## SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE INTERIM DEVICES WORKING GROUP MEETING HELD ON 11<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2025

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### **Papers for discussion**

- The Group considered the evidence presented following an MHRA investigation into an increased number of external catheter fractures and clamp failures predominantly in a specified patient population. The Group endorsed the proposed actions.

### **Agency device related internal updates**

- The Group was provided with a presentation on recent work surrounding class I Assistive Technology devices, outlining challenges and future work.
- The Group were provided with an update on planned action concerning the compatibility of needle-free connectors with pre-filled syringes. The Group supported the proposed actions to improve the safe use of these devices.
- The Group was provided with an update of the MHRA investigation into an increased number of fractures observed with a specific peripherally inserted central catheter. The Group supported the proposed actions.

### **Procedural Items**

In addition, the Group completed its usual procedural business including the need to observe the confidentiality of the meeting, to declare interests, apologies, announcements, approval of minutes, and updates on items previously considered. No interests were declared.

A list of members who participated in the meeting is at **Annex A**.

Medicines Healthcare products Regulatory Agency staff may be present for all or part of the meetings or for specific items.

The meeting started at 10:03 and finished at 11:59.

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2025.

### **Useful website links**

#### ***MHRA Website:***

[Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

#### ***MHRA Alerts, recalls and safety information:***

[Alerts, recalls and safety information: drugs and medical devices - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

#### ***Yellow Card Website:***

[Yellow Card Scheme - MHRA](https://www.mhra.gov.uk)

#### ***Drug Safety Update:***

<http://www.mhra.gov.uk/Publications/Safetyguidance/DrugSafetyUpdate/index.htm>

## MEMBERSHIP OF THE INTERIM DEVICES WORKING GROUP

Post	Name and title	Affiliations
<b>Chair</b>	<b>Professor Tom Clutton-Brock</b> MBE MB ChB FRCP FRCA FFICM	Director, Medical Devices Testing and Evaluation Centre, Clinical Director, NIHR HealthTech Research Centre in Devices, digital and robotics (HRC-DDR), Chair, NICE Interventional Procedures Advisory Committee, Associate Medical Director, University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust, Professor of Anaesthesia & Intensive Care Medicine, University of Birmingham
<b>Member</b>	<b>Mr Jonathan Boyle</b> MB ChB MD MA (Cantab) FRCSEd FRCSEng FRCS (Gen.Surg) ( <i>apologies</i> )	Consultant Vascular Surgeon and affiliate Assistant Professor, Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Trust
<b>Member</b>	<b>Professor Richard Bulbulia</b> MA MD FRCS FRCS(Gen)	Associate Professor, Clinical Trial Service Unit and Epidemiological Studies Unit, Nuffield Department of Population Health, University of Oxford; Medical Research Council Population Health Research Unit at the University of Oxford; Honorary Consultant Vascular Surgeon, Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
<b>Member</b>	<b>Professor Alastair Denniston</b> MA MRCP FRCOphth PhD	Consultant Ophthalmologist (Uveitis and Medical Retina), University Hospitals Birmingham NHSFT, Honorary Professor and Deputy Director Centre for Regulatory Science and Innovation, University of Birmingham
<b>Lay Member</b>	<b>Dr Rebecca Harmston</b>	
<b>Member</b>	<b>Mr Michael Hart</b> BSc (Hons) MBChB AHEA PhD FRCSEd (Neuro.surg) FEBNS	Senior Lecturer & Honorary Consultant Neurosurgeon, St George's, University of London & St George's University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
<b>Member</b>	<b>Professor Chris Hopkins</b> BSc (Hons) FAHCS FIPEM CEng MIET	Consultant Clinical Scientist, Honorary Professor and Clinical Director, Assistive Technologies Innovation Centre, University of Wales Trinity Saint David, Head of the Tritex Institute, Hywel Dda University Health Board, Assistant Director of Health Science and AHP's, Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board, President-Elect of Academy for Healthcare Science
<b>Member</b>	<b>Mr Sebastian Janner</b> MSci MSc	Clinical Scientist, Royal Brompton and Harefield Hospitals
<b>Member</b>	<b>Professor Tom Joyce</b> PhD MSc BEng	Professor of Orthopaedic Engineering, Newcastle University
<b>Member</b>	<b>Professor Daniel Martin</b> OBE BSc MB ChB PhD FRCA FFICM	Professor of Perioperative and Intensive Care Medicine, Peninsula Medical School, University of Plymouth

<b>Member</b>	<b>Dr Rubeta Matin</b> PhD BSc (Hons) MBBS FRCP(Derm)	Consultant Dermatologist, Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust; Honorary Senior Clinical Lecturer, University of Oxford
<b>Member</b>	<b>Dr Tom Pelly</b> MBBS BSc (Hons) DCH PGCE FRCP FRCGP	GP Partner, Horfield Health Centre, Bristol; Clinical Director, Phoenix Primary Care Network, Bristol; RCGP Representative
<b>Member</b>	<b>Professor Muireann Quigley</b> BSc (Med) BSc(Hons) MBChB MA PhD	Chair in Law, Medicine, and Technology, Birmingham Law School, University of Birmingham
<b>Member</b>	<b>Dr Neil Smart</b> BSc (Hons) MBChB FCAI MBA	Chair of the Scottish Health Technologies Group, Consultant Anaesthetist NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde and Honorary Clinical Senior Lecturer, University of Glasgow
<b>Lay Member</b>	<b>Ms Josephine Tapper</b>	
<b>Observer</b>	<b>Peter Barry</b>	Consultant Clinical Advisor, Centre for Guidelines, National Institute for Health and Care Excellence
<b>Observer</b>	<b>Sarah Jennings</b>	Patient Safety Clinical Lead - Medical Devices, NHS England