



One Post available for the Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgery Expert Advisory Group (PRAS EAG)

The Interim Devices Working Group (IDWG) is looking to appoint a Chair 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 and non-surgical procedures, 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 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.

As Chair, you will be able to synthesize complex scientific information and present it authoritatively to Ministers and the MHRA as required. Coordinate and lead meetings, set agendas, and ensure effective communication and to finalise recommendations/advice within the group.

We are looking for someone who has the highest scientific and medical standing and is a leader in their field. You will have the ability to effectively lead an expert advisory group, and be a skilled communicator, with the ability to speak on a range of issues outside your own area of specialism.

The PRASEAG Chair is not employed by MHRA. The PRASEAG Chair is independent from MHRA and provides their time on a voluntary basis.

Expertise Required

- Experience in a senior role with responsibility for making decisions related to patient safety
- Current or previous experience of chairing advisory committees, with diverse membership, at a national or regional level
- Highly experienced at assessing benefit and risk at a population level e.g. public health with a substantial and proven interest in medical devices used in plastic, reconstructive and aesthetic surgical and non-surgical procedures
- An active member of a royal college, professional society, relevant faculty or equivalent

As Chair you will:

- Lead this advisory group, participate in the drafting of the agenda, chair the meetings (approximately 2 meetings a year) and where decisions are required support the advisory group to reach a consensus
- Attend Chair briefings with MHRA colleagues prior to the meeting
- Read papers for committee advice in advance of the Chair briefing meeting
- Ensure that the advisory group takes full account of the evidence in making decisions and recommendations and considers the analysis and interpretation of the evidence prepared by MHRA and any invited experts
- Establish trust and mutual respect among members of the advisory group and give opportunities for all members to contribute to its discussions and activities
- Ensure all advisory group members consider equality, diversity and inclusion in all of the discussions
- Offer members feedback and comment on their contribution to the advisory group, on an annual basis, for revalidation purposes or personal development
- Help the advisory group to work collaboratively, ensure a balanced contribution from all advisory group members. Ensure effective and appropriate management of potential conflicts of interest of their members
- Represent the views of the wider advisory group and to feedback the work of EAG to its members and the Interim Devices Working Group
- Ad-hoc roles of the chair may include helping to co-ordinate and review written advice between members to the MHRA if needed between meetings or contributions to MHRA communications
- Be committed to the public service values of selflessness, integrity, objectivity, accountability, professionalism, impartiality and consistency

Essential Criteria

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

- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Ability to analyse complex issues, to think and act, taking in to account the bigger picture, and to exercise sound judgement in the face of conflicting pressures and deadlines
- Good meeting management skills and command of a large information content
- Ability to chair an expert committee in accordance with the Terms of Reference of the Committee
- Ability to identify solutions to difficult problems, with an objective, independent and impartial approach

- Ability to establish effective working relationships with a range of external and internal stakeholders at all levels
- A proven ability in involving patients and the public in committee or working group discussions and decisions
- Experience of the application of methodologies for the assessment of benefit and risk
- Have or be willing to develop a working knowledge and understanding of UK medical device regulatory framework and procedures
- Flexible attitude, ability and enthusiasm to work as a leader
- 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

Desirable Criteria

- The applicant is recognised by their peers as a leader in their field e.g., Royal College, nationally recognised clinical associations, nationally recognised academic research teams
- Have a working knowledge and understanding of UK medical device regulatory framework and procedures
- 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 Chair 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/in person

Tenure of office

- 3 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 **PRASEAG25-3** in the subject field. Please ensure that you provide evidence to support how you meet all the essential criteria.

If you require an alternative format, please call the Appointments Team on 020 3080 6060 quoting the reference **PRASEAG25-3**.

The closing date for applications is Friday 30 January 2026. The MHRA value and promote diversity and encourage applications from all sections of the community.



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