

## SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE INTERIM DEVICES WORKING GROUP MEETING HELD ON 3<sup>RD</sup> MARCH 2026

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The Group considered and discussed the following:

- The Group was presented with information on the [ongoing public consultation](#) on indefinite recognition of CE marked medical devices. Discussion focused on the anticipated timelines for the Government response and any legislative changes that may be taken forward.
- The Group was also presented with on an upcoming survey intended to support the impact assessment for the Medical Devices (Amendment) Regulations 2026.
- An update on if there is a clinical benefit for medical infant pillows for the prevention and treatment of plagiocephaly was provided. This included sharing the alert published by the Office of Product Safety and Standards (OPSS) regarding non-medical infant pillows: [Product Safety Alert: Baby Sleep Pillows \(PSA8\) - GOV.UK](#)
- The Group were presented with a high-level summary of a signal concerning medical devices that were assessed by the MHRA in January 2026.
- An update was provided on the recruitment process for the IVDEAG Chair. Following the appointment of the Chair, a review will inform the final selection of the IVDEAG membership with the intention of appointing 10 expert members and 2 lay members.

### **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 10:02 and finished at 10:42. The next meeting is scheduled to take place on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2026.

### **Useful website links**

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

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

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

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

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

[Yellow Card Scheme - MHRA](#)

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

[Drug Safety Update - GOV.UK](#)

## MEMBERSHIP OF THE INTERIM DEVICES WORKING GROUP

Post	Name and title	Affiliations
Chair	<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 Diagnostics Advisory Committee (DAC), Associate Medical Director, University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust, Professor of Anaesthesia & Intensive Care Medicine, University of Birmingham
Member	<b>Mr Jonathan Boyle</b> MB ChB MD MA (Cantab) FRCSEd FRCSEng FRCS (Gen.Surg)	Consultant Vascular Surgeon and affiliate Assistant Professor, Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Trust
Member	<b>Professor Richard Bulbulia</b> MA MD FRCS FRCS(Gen) <i>(apologies)</i>	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
Member	<b>Professor Alastair Denniston</b> MA MRCP FRCOphth PhD <i>(apologies)</i>	Chair of Regulatory Science and Innovation, University of Birmingham Hon Consultant Ophthalmologist, University Hospitals Birmingham NHSFT
Lay Member	<b>Dr Rebecca Harmston</b>	
Member	<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
Member	<b>Professor Chris Hopkins</b> BSc (Hons) FAHCS FIPEM CEng MIET <i>(apologies)</i>	Consultant Clinical Scientist, Honorary Professor and Clinical Director, Assistive Technologies Innovation Centre, University of Wales Trinity Saint David, Head of the Tritech 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
Member	<b>Mr Sebastian Janner</b> MSci MSc	Clinical Scientist, Royal Brompton and Harefield Hospitals
Observer	<b>Sarah Jennings</b>	Patient Safety Clinical Lead - Medical Devices, NHS England
Member	<b>Professor Tom Joyce</b> PhD MSc BEng	Professor of Orthopaedic Engineering, Newcastle University
Member	<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>Observer</b>	<b>Iain Robertson</b>	Medical Advisor Medical Devices and Legislation Unit, Scottish Government
<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> ( <i>apologies</i> )	