

SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE INTERIM DEVICES WORKING GROUP MEETING HELD ON 14TH APRIL 2026

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The Group considered and discussed the following:

- The IDWG considered the evidence presented in response to the MHRA's request in relation to the risks associated with infant wind and colic relievers. The IDWG supported compliance action and agreed that the potential risks should be communicated to the relevant stakeholders.
- The IDWG were presented with a high-level summary of two signals concerning medical devices that were assessed by the MHRA in February 2026.
- Dr Kerrie Davies has been appointed as Chair of the In Vitro Diagnostics Expert Advisory Group (IVDEAG) and has accepted the role. Discussions will now begin regarding the appointment of expert and lay members.
- The MHRA Chair met with the Interim Devices Working Group (IDWG) to discuss progress against previously identified regulatory priorities. The discussion focused on risk-proportionate regulation, post-market surveillance, and the effective use of data to support patient safety and timely access to innovation. Topics included safety surveillance systems, data integration, emerging technologies, and collaboration across the UK and internationally. The importance of proportionate regulation, joined-up approaches, and continued engagement between the MHRA, health systems, and stakeholders was emphasised.

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 conflict of 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 12:01. The next meeting is scheduled to take place on 12th May 2026.

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:

[Drug Safety Update - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk)

MEMBERSHIP OF THE INTERIM DEVICES WORKING GROUP

Post	Name and title	Affiliations
Chair	Professor Tom Clutton-Brock 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
Observer	Peter Barry	Consultant Clinical Advisor, Centre for Guidelines, National Institute for Health and Care Excellence
Member	Mr Jonathan Boyle MB ChB MD MA (Cantab) FRCSEd FRCSEng FRCS (Gen.Surg)	Consultant Vascular Surgeon and affiliate Assistant Professor, Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Trust
Member	Professor Richard Bulbulia 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
Member	Professor Alastair Denniston 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	Dr Rebecca Harmston	
Member	Mr Michael Hart BSc (Hons) MBChB AHEA PhD FRCSEd (Neuro.surg) FEBNS (<i>apologies</i>)	Senior Lecturer & Honorary Consultant Neurosurgeon, St George's, University of London & St George's University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
Member	Professor Chris Hopkins 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 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	Mr Sebastian Janner MSci MSc	Clinical Scientist, Royal Brompton and Harefield Hospitals
Observer	Sarah Jennings	Patient Safety Clinical Lead - Medical Devices, NHS England

Invited Expert	Dr Kathryn Johnson MBChB FRCPCH	Consultant Neonatologist & Research Lead. Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHST, Clinical Lead, National Disease Registration Service (NDRS), NHS England; Vice Chair of Commission on Human Medicines' Paediatric Medicines Expert Advisory Group
Member	Professor Tom Joyce PhD MSc Beng	Professor of Orthopaedic Engineering, Newcastle University
Member	Professor Daniel Martin OBE BSc MB ChB PhD FRCA FFICM	Professor of Perioperative and Intensive Care Medicine, Peninsula Medical School, University of Plymouth
Member	Dr Rubeta Matin PhD BSc (Hons) MBBS FRCP(Derm) <i>(apologies)</i>	Consultant Dermatologist, Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust; Honorary Senior Clinical Lecturer, University of Oxford
Member	Dr Tom Pelly MBBS BSc (Hons) DCH PGCE FRCP FRCGP	GP Partner, Horfield Health Centre, Bristol; Clinical Director, Phoenix Primary Care Network, Bristol; RCGP Representative
Member	Professor Muireann Quigley BSc (Med) BSc(Hons) MBChB MA PhD	Chair in Law, Medicine, and Technology, Birmingham Law School, University of Birmingham
Observer	Iain Robertson	Medical Advisor Medical Devices and Legislation Unit, Scottish Government
Member	Dr Neil Smart BSc (Hons) MBChB FCAI MBA <i>(apologies)</i>	Chair of the Scottish Health Technologies Group, Consultant Anaesthetist NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde and Honorary Clinical Senior Lecturer, University of Glasgow
Lay Member	Ms Josephine Tapper	