

## SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE INTERIM DEVICES WORKING GROUP MEETING HELD ON 12<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2026

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The Group considered and discussed the following:

- The Group were presented with a review of reports of suture breakage with an introducer kit used for gastrostomy feeding tube insertion. The Group supported the proposed recommendations.
- The Group considered the benefit risk evaluation assessment and proposed actions for a number of field safety notices affected components. The impacted components are included within procedure packs, which are used extensively across the UK.
- The Group were presented with a high-level summary of a signal concerning medical devices that were assessed by the MHRA in March 2026.
- The Group were presented with an update on a review that the MHRA undertook on a medical device manufacturer, including findings from a recent audit. This presentation was for information only.
- The Group considered the evidence presented from an evaluation of benefits and risks associated with Cobalt Chrome modular neck hip replacement devices. In particular, risks of metal wear at neck-stem junctions were discussed. The Group supported the MHRA's recommendations.
- The Group were presented with an overview of the outcomes of the MHRA's investigation into a total knee replacement system. A summary of the current worldwide post-market clinical data, details of the manufacturer's root cause assessment and associated corrective actions and stakeholder clinical opinion were provided to the Group. The Group unanimously supported the MHRA's proposed actions which will be shared with the manufacturer in due course.
- The Group noted the following Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgery Expert Advisory Group (PRASEAG) end of appointments:
  - **Mr Nigel Mercer** (Chair)  
Consultant Plastic Surgeon
  - **Professor Iain Lyburn** (Member)  
Consultant Plastic Surgeon
- The Group noted the appointment of the new Chair of the Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgery Expert Advisory Group (PRASEAG):
  - **Mr Paul Harris** BSc MBBS MD FRCS FRCS (plast)  
Consultant Plastic & Reconstructive Surgeon, The London Clinic, London
- The Group noted the following In Vitro Diagnostics Expert Advisory Group (IVDEAG) member appointments:

- **Dr Charu Chopra** MA (Cantab) MBBS FRCP (Glasg) FRCPATH  
Consultant Immunologist, Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh (NHS Lothian); Honorary Clinical Senior Lecturer, University of Edinburgh; Chair Scotland Regional Council, Royal College of Pathologists
- **Mr James Kerr** BSc  
IVD Technical Team Manager, BSI Assurance UK Ltd. (UK Approved Body) & BSI Group; The Netherlands B.V (EU Notified Body)
- **Dr Prosper Kanyong** BSc (Hons) MSc PhD  
Senior IVDR Product Assessor, SGS UK Ltd - Notified Body 1639, Grangemouth
- **Dr Juliet Raine** MA (Oxon) BMBCCh MRCP FRCPATH  
Consultant Histopathologist (Haematopathology and Cytopathology), Barts Health NHS Trust
- **Stephen Liggett** MPharm, PhD  
Executive Director Future Medicines Institute, Queen's University Belfast
- **Dr Rachel Marrington** BSc (Hons) MSc PhD FRCPATH EuSpLM  
Consultant Clinical Scientist and Deputy Director Birmingham Quality, University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust
- **Mrs Dina Patel** BSc MSc CSci FIBMS  
Scientific Director, UK NEQAS Immunology, Immunochemistry & Allergy (IIA); Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust
- **Professor Jim Huggett** BSc PhD FRCP (Edin)  
Director of Biological Metrology, National Measurement Laboratory; Visiting Professor, School of Biosciences, Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences, University of Surrey
- **Dr Malcolm Oswald** MA PhD  
Honorary Research Fellow in Law, University of Manchester
- **Mrs Hayley Hall** BA (Hons)  
Lay member

### **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 conflicts of interest 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 10:04 and finished at 12:20. The next meeting is scheduled to take place on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2026 at 10:00.

## **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 \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)

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

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

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

[Drug Safety Update - GOV.UK](http://www.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
Observer	<b>Peter Barry</b>	Consultant Clinical Advisor, Centre for Guidelines, National Institute for Health and Care Excellence
Member	<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
Member	<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
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
Invited Expert	<b>Anil Gambhir</b>	Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon
Lay Member	<b>Dr Rebecca Harmston</b> <i>(apologies)</i>	
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 <i>(apologies)</i>	Clinical Scientist, Royal Brompton and Harefield Hospitals
Member	<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>Observer</b>	<b>Iain Robertson</b>	Medical Advisor Medical Devices and Legislation Unit, Scottish Government
<b>Invited Expert</b>	<b>Gary Robjert</b>	British Orthopaedic Association (BOA)
<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> )	
<b>Observer</b>	<b>David Wilson</b>	Safety Strategy Unit, Department of Health (NI)
<b>Invited Expert</b>	<b>Timothy Wilton</b>	National Joint Registry (NJR)