

Scientific and Clinical Advances Advisory Committee meeting – Matters arising

Wednesday 21 October 2015, 11.00am – 4.30pm

etc venues, Tenter House, 45 Moorfields, London EC2Y 9AE

Item	Action	Responsibility	Due date	Progress to date
22/10/2014, 7.6	The Committee should highlight key messages that ought to be conveyed to patients when discussing topics as part of its 2015/16 work plan.	Sarah Testori	Ongoing	Comments regarding PGS are being fed into a revision of the patient information. Relevant revised patient information will be emailed to the committee.
20/06/2012, 7.6	It was agreed that SNP array usage may result in the generation of more information about additional diseases, traits and predispositions, and therefore the production and disclosure of this information must be considered. It was agreed that the ethical implications should be considered by the Authority's Ethics and Law Advisory Committee.	Anjeli Kara/Sarah Testori	Ongoing	A paper was presented to the Authority in May 2015. An updated paper will be presented to the Authority in January.
14/12/2011, 4.7; 29/02/2012, 2.4; 20/06/2012, 8.3	Draft and develop a guidance document on the use of human material in animals with the Home Office, Department of Health and the Academy of Medical Sciences.	Anna Rajakumar	Ongoing	The document has been finalised and is in the process of being published by the Home Office.

04/02/2015, 8.4	Finalise HFEA website content regarding reproductive immunology outside of the meeting setting.	Sarah Testori	Completed 09/15	Website content has been finalised and uploaded to the HFEA website.
10/06/2015, 2.4	Data showing the total number of PGS cycles that have been conducted between 2012 and 2013 in the UK to be circulated to the committee	Sarah Testori	Completed 06/15	This data has been circulated to the committee by email.
10/06/2015, 3.17 and 3.18	The committee agreed that genome editing in reproductive medicine should be added as a topic for consideration during the annual horizon scanning process and requested for the Deputy Chair to provide an overview of the Nuffield Council of Bioethics work on genome editing at the next Committee meeting	Sarah Testori and Andy Greenfield	Ongoing	A genome editing tab has been added to the 2016 horizon scanning spreadsheet which will be populated from 12/15-01/16. Andy Greenfield will present an update on the Nuffield Council on Bioethics' work on genome editing.
10/06/2015, 4.12	During their assessment of the novel process application for use of the Anecova AneVivo intrauterine device the committee felt it did not have sufficient evidence to demonstrate the safety of the process. The committee requested additional information and asked for teleconference to be arranged to allow SCAAC to further consider any information provided	Sarah Testori	Completed 08/15	Further information on the safety of the device was obtained from Anecova and discussed by the committee via teleconference. Additional information on retrieval success rates was sought and obtained from Anecova and was circulated to the committee. This additional information enabled SCAAC to formulate a recommendation for SAC which was presented at their meeting on 27/08/2015. SAC decided to authorise the process and as such it now appears on the HFEA's list of authorised processes which can be found at http://www.hfea.gov.uk/139.html .

10/06/2015, 5.9 and 5.10	<p>The Committee agreed that the HFEA website should include information on current and recruiting clinical trials taking place in the UK and that a list of clinical trials should be collated.</p> <p>Yacoub Khalaf agreed to inform SCAAC of relevant trials in the field of ART, in his role as a committee member to the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists.</p>	Sarah Testori	Ongoing	This is an ongoing matter that will be considered as part of the update to the website for the Information for Quality programme.
10/06/2015, 6.21	The Executive agreed to amend the current PGS guidance note in the Code of Practice to take in to account the recommendations of the Committee.	Sarah Testori	Ongoing	Draft amendments have been made. These will be introduced into the next revision to the Code of Practice in April 2016.
10/06/2015, 6.22	An update to the PGS patient information should be drafted for the HFEA website to incorporate information on current PGS practice, success rates, and to highlight that data supports only the use of PGS for good prognosis patients.	Sarah Testori	Ongoing	A first draft has been circulated to Alan Thornhill, Joyce Harper and Yacoub Khalaf and comments are being incorporated to form a second draft which will be circulated to the committee outside of the meeting setting.
10/06/2015, 6.23	The Executive agreed to consider SCAAC's advice regarding the criteria PRs should use when assuring themselves of the competence of embryologists.	Various	Ongoing	This will be considered as part of the next update of the Code of Practice in April 2016.
10/06/2015, 8.1	The Executive agreed to write a response letter to an editorial published in	Various	Completed 08/15	The Executive drafted a letter in response which was circulated to the committee for

Human Reproduction regarding the use of calcium ionophore in culture medium in which the authors misunderstand the role of the HFEA and SCAAC in regulating novel processes. The letter would be circulated to the committee for comment.

comment. A final draft has been sent to Reproductive BioMed Online and is in press and available online.