

# Scientific and Clinical Advances Advisory Committee meeting – Matters arising

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2016, 10.30am – 3.00pm**

**etc venues, Bonhill House, Bonhill Street, London**

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.	Anna Rajakumar	Ongoing	Comments regarding PGS are being fed into a revision of the patient information. Relevant revised patient information will be presented or 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	Ongoing	A paper was presented to the Authority in May 2015.  An updated paper was presented to the Authority in January 2016. The Authority agreed with option two of the Authority paper, to allow testing of more than one genetic condition or chromosomal abnormality at a time, making sure that patients consent to receive (or not receive) any additional genetic information generated.
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.

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	Anna Rajakumar 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 at the February SCAAC meeting
10/06/2015, 5.9 and 5.10	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.  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.	Anna Rajakumar	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 into account the recommendations of the Committee.	Anna Rajakumar	Ongoing	Amendments have been made and agreed by the Authority. These will be introduced into the next revision to the Code of Practice in summer 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	Anna Rajakumar	Ongoing	Comments on a first draft are being incorporated and a second draft will be circulated to the committee shortly outside of the meeting setting.

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PGS for good prognosis patients.

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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 has been discussed by the Executive – it is up to PRs to satisfy themselves of the competence of embryologists, competence should be assessed through ongoing KPI checks in-house. It was considered that adding any more prescriptive requirements would be inconsistent with policy changes made since the introduction of ICSI and PGD.
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