

Minutes of the Rapid Review panel meeting – 23rd March 2006

Attendees

Peter Borriello (Chair) (PB)	Health Protection Agency
Peter Hoffman (PH)	Health Protection Agency
Margaret Horton (MH)	PASA
Barry Cookson (BC)	Health Protection Agency
John Holah (JH)	Campden and Chorleywood Food Research Association
Adam Fraise (AF)	Hospital Infection Research Laboratory Birmingham
Steve Denyer (SD)	Cardiff University
Brian Duerden (BD)	Department of Health
Geoff Scott (GS)	University College London Hospitals
Gary French (GF)	Kings College London
Geoff Ridgway (GR)	Department of Health
Deenan Pillay (DP)	Health Protection Agency
Sam Gillanders (Secretary) (SG)	Department of Health
Chris Gush (Secretary) (CG)	Health Protection Agency

1. Apologies

Sue Wilkin
Mike Simmons
Bob Spencer

2. Minutes of previous meeting.

2.1 The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted without correction.

3. Matters Arising

Actions

3.1 Product recommendation flow chart.

3.1.1 A flow chart describing the Rapid Review Panel process was presented to the panel; this allowed a better understanding of what happens to the products and recommendations once they are made by the panel.

3.2 Proposed pathway for products following RRP recommendations.

3.2.1 A proposed pathway document was presented to the panel. The panel has had a number of complaints from commercial companies who have submitted to the panel. These complaints were centred on the fast-tracking of

products into the NHS post RRP recommendation. The proposed pathway document is intended to highlight one possible route for progressing viable products into the NHS. The proposed pathway document was broadly supported by the panel.

3.2.2 MH will review the document and present a PASA response back to the panel at the next meeting.

3.2.3 It was brought to the panel's attention that there is currently an 'innovation landscape project' underway designed to improve the flow of commercial products into the NHS. The panel felt strongly that the RRP should be included into the landscape.

3.3 Update on current recommendations 1 and 2

3.3.1 A document highlighting the progress of recommendations 1 and 2 through the Rapid Review Process was presented to the panel. The panel thought that this document was very useful and that it should be a live document showing the current status of all products given a recommendations 1 and 2, who should 'own' this document was unclear.

3.3.2 The panel thought it would be useful to link all of the recommendation 2's to an outcome highlighting ongoing trials and evaluation outcomes. Again who should 'own' this was unclear.

3.3.3 It was decided to sub divide recommendation 4 to 4a and 4b. The exact wording of the recommendation will be agreed by the panel.

4.0 Any other business

4.1 The Secretary of State for Health has produced indemnity for all panel members; the secretariat will send a copy of the indemnity to all panel members to sign.

4.2 The chair highlighted concerns over the ownership of the panel suggesting that the panel should be a Department of Health panel run by the Health Protection Agency.

4.3 The panel highlighted the need for a study to be completed on the role between inorganic vertical surfaces and healthcare acquired infections. It was suggested that an expert group could be convened by the Hospital Infection Society.

5.0 Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 31st Jan 2006 at the Health Protection Agency's Centre for Infections in Colindale, North London, scheduled from 13.00 to 17.00.