

Scientific Advisory Committee on Nutrition

Paper for Information: Update on the Subgroup on Child and Maternal Nutrition

Agenda item 3

Please see attached paper for information.

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Update on the Subgroup on Child and Maternal Nutrition

1. At SACN's third meeting, committee members agreed to the establishment of a group on Child and Maternal Nutrition to be chaired by Dr Anthony Williams.

Terms of Reference of the Subgroup on Child and Maternal Nutrition

2. The terms of reference for the subgroup are :
 - To review the evidence on the influence of maternal and child nutrition including growth and development *in utero* and early childhood on the development of disease later in life.
 - To identify opportunities for effective nutritional intervention that could influence the risk of disease later in life.
 - To consider such scientific aspects of nutrition of women of reproductive age, infants and children as are referred to it by the Scientific Advisory Committee on Nutrition (SACN).

Background

3. Members agreed that as part of their work programme SACN should undertake a review of the evidence on the influence of maternal and early child nutrition on later development of disease. Also, members had previously recognised the need for the group to address ongoing particular issues on maternal and early child nutrition for example, to inform the UK position in international forums such as the European Commission, CODEX *Alimentarius* and the World Health Organisation.

Membership

4. The Secretariat propose that a subgroup be set up comprising members of SACN and that ad hoc experts would be identified and invited to join the group to provide particular expertise as the need arises.

5. It is proposed that the following SACN members are appointed to the Subgroup on Child and Maternal Nutrition.

	NAME
Chair	Dr Anthony Williams
Members	
1	Professor Alan Jackson
2	Professor Peter Aggett
3	Dr Ann Prentice
4	Professor Annie Anderson
5	Dr Tim Key
6	Mrs Stella Walsh

7. **Members are invited to agree the membership of the Subgroup.**