



ERS 2022 WORKING GROUP MEETING MINUTES: Child Health

Meeting details	
Meeting location	Hotel SB Plaza Europa (Barcelona Room) + MS Teams online
Meeting date	Saturday 3 rd September 2022
Meeting time	18:00 CET
Chair(s)	Steve Turner
Attendees	Clare Murray Eric Van Ganse Valeria Perugini Graham Lough Michael Walker
Objectives	
1	Update on current active projects
2	Future projects
3	New ideas
4	New Child Health WG Chair

Items	
Update on current projects	<p>Determining the prevalence of severe asthma in children in primary care (proposed by Steve Turner).</p> <p>Steve gave an update on this database study on the prevalence and incidence of severe asthma in children in primary care in UK. Outcomes will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• High SABA use (≥ 3 prescriptions per year).• Severe asthma (using different definitions of severe asthma from the literature).• Eligibility for biologic treatment for severe asthma, according to the UK's NICE criteria for the prescribing of biologics.• Referral to a secondary care specialist for asthma. <p>Comparison of characteristics between those with severe asthma that receive a referral to a secondary care specialist with those who do not.</p> <p>The protocol and budget of this project have been submitted and recently approved for funding by Sanofi.</p>



<p>Future projects</p>	<p>Step Down and Cessation of Inhaled Corticosteroid Treatment in Adults and Children with Asthma (proposed by Steve Turner) The aims and hypothesis of the study:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Descriptive analysis to determine if and how patients are stepping down or stopping treatment (LABA, LTRA and ICS).2. Cohort study investigating the outcomes of stepping down or stopping treatment. <p>The project is still unfunded.</p> <p>Assessing the incidence and effects of asthma in adolescents (proposed at previous meeting).</p> <p>An outline of the new study led by Steve Turner was given and the main objectives discussed among the members of the WG. A proposal is now in development and will soon be shared with others for revision.</p> <p>ACTION: Valeria will circulate the proposal.</p>



New ideas	<p>The group discussed a potential project which could give the merits of a database study to assess the transition of asthma care from adolescents to adults.</p> <p>ACTION: Valeria to create an outline proposal.</p>
New WG Chair	<p>The WG welcomes the new WG chair Claire Murray.</p> <p>During the WG meeting, Michael on behalf of REG has thanked Steve for his commitment and leadership as WG chair, but also for his truly embodiment of optimism and hard work in continuing to support the WG members in facing the challenges ahead.</p>