

EMAIL TO NICE FROM FORWARD ME GROUP MEMBERS-RE:- MEETING

Dear Rupert

Thank you for your invitation to attend the meeting regarding the pause in publishing the NICE Guideline for people with ME/CFS. The meeting to be held on Friday, 17th September 2021.

We are delighted to accept your invitation and will be sending a representative to the meeting or attending by means of video conference, which we presume in the light of continuing concerns regarding Covid, you will be arranging.

The 25% ME GROUP, is committed to taking part in the meeting in a collaborative manner and to playing our part in making it a success. To this end we believe it would be useful for all attendees, some days prior to the meeting, to be supplied with:-

- an agenda
- a statement outlining the purpose of the meeting
- a list of attendees, itemizing those representing NICE, the Royal Colleges and ME/CFS organisations
- a statement from the Royal Colleges specifying the grounds on which they object to the final draft Guideline

We want this meeting to succeed and, for this to happen, there needs to be disclosure. We feel that without the above, we enter the meeting blindfolded and unprepared to contribute fully to the discussions.

We understand that in the final two weeks before the Guideline was due to be published some amendments were made to it. It would assist us greatly if you could provide us with a 'marked up' copy of that document so that we can easily see the amendments made.

Regards,

Simon Lawrence

8/9/21