

Quality Standards Eczema in Children Scoping workshop

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 1st October 2012 at the NICE offices in Manchester

Attendees	<p>Sue Lewis-Jones (SLJ) (RM), Sandra Lawton (SL), Jean Robinson (JRob), Jane Ravenscroft (JR), Elizabeth Gilmour (EG), Michael Cork (MC), Matthew Ridd (MR), Christine Clark (CC), Helen Cox (HC), Amanda Roberts (AR), Jacqueline Torley (JT)</p> <p><u>NICE Attendees</u> Sabina Khan (SK), Tony Smith (TSm), Nicola Greenway (NG), Tim Stokes (TS) Lisa Nicholls (LN)</p>
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1.Introductions and apologies	SLJ welcomed the attendees and the group introduced themselves. SLJ outlined the agenda for the day.	
2.Business items • Declarations of interest	SLJ reminded Topic Expert Group (TEG) members that they represent themselves rather than a particular organisation. SLJ outlined the declarations of interest policy. The group was asked for any further declarations of interest.	LN to record further declarations of interest
3.Quality Standard Overviews	NG presented the group with an overview of the current process for developing NICE quality standards. She highlighted that quality standards clarify what high quality care should look like, explained what quality standards are used for and described the current work programme. NG also reported that the Health and Social Care Act emphasises the importance of quality standards. NG advised the group that after the quality standard has been published they will be invited to undertake further work on the quality indicators, potentially to inform the Commissioning Outcomes Framework (COF) and Quality and Outcomes Framework (QOF) indicators. NG gave an overview of the roles of the NICE team and the TEG. NG described the stakeholder consultation process and the role of endorsing organisations in helping disseminate the quality standard.	
4. Quality Standards Methodology	TSm outlined the methods used to develop quality standards, noting that statements should be aspirational but achievable, and are not intended to reinforce routine practice.	

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	<p>TSm advised the group that NICE quality standards are informed by evidence-based recommendations from published NICE guidance or other NICE accredited sources. They do not review or redefine the underlying evidence base. The group asked about the accreditation process. TSm explained that NHS evidence accredits guideline producing organisations that use a robust development process.</p> <p>TSm described quality statements as descriptive, clear and concise evidence-based qualitative statements. The statements identify the most important 'markers' or key requirements of high quality care where specific improvements are required and which, if achieved, imply high quality practice in all other areas.</p> <p>TSm outlined the need to ensure that the quality statements are based on one concept to ensure clarity and measurement.</p> <p>TSm advised the group of 'cross-cutting' quality standards, and the need for users of quality standards to refer across the library of topics. It was noted that the existing patient experience quality standard relates to adults not children. TSm explained that equality issues would be assessed after each TEG meeting.</p>	
<p>5.Example of a quality standard</p>	<p>SK outlined the format and content of a QS, including statements, measures and audience descriptors. SK showed the group an example of a published quality standard.</p> <p>There was some discussion on how QS measures are audited/recorded. TSm explained this is often done by local data collection.</p>	

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<p>6.Scoping session</p>	<p>The TEG agreed the scope of the eczema in children QS, as proposed by SK.</p> <p>The group considered the areas of care to be covered by the QS. An ‘areas of care map’ was presented by SK, based on NICE clinical guideline CG57. Discussion took place under each heading and the group agreed that they will consider the following areas of care:</p> <p>Area of care</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diagnosis and Assessment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Assessment at Diagnosis - Holistic assessment of severity, psychological and psychosocial wellbeing and quality of life • Condition Management and Treatment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Stepped approach to management - Addressing potential triggers - Education and adherence to therapy • Treatment of infected Eczema <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Information guidance about infections - Treatment of infections • Referral <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Specialist dermatological advice <p>Psychosocial and Psychological advice</p> <p>The TEG were asked to review the evidence sources, national audits and surveys outlined in the topic overview document and highlight any additional sources that</p>	<p>TEG members to advise NICE of</p>

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	<p>could be of use in the development of the QS. The group suggested the following documents to explore:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence based dermatology textbook (edited by Hywel Williams) • The Primary Care Commissioning “Quality Standards for Dermatology” • Royal College of Paediatrics & Child Health pathway <p>TSm asked the group to consider equality issues surrounding the areas of care. Issues were raised specifically relating to eczema in children and other general areas.</p> <p>The TEG was asked to consider its composition. It was agreed that a commissioner representative and a health visitor representative should be recruited if possible. NG outlined the process for registration of stakeholders and the role of stakeholders in the consultation phase.</p>	<p>potential evidence sources.</p> <p>SK to list issues within the Equality Impact Assessment document.</p> <p>NICE to pursue additional recruitment,</p> <p>NICE to circulate the stakeholder list.</p> <p>TEG members to advise of any additional potential stakeholders.</p>
7.Next steps and AOB	<p>TSm and NG outlined the next steps and important dates in the quality standard development process.</p> <p>SLJ thanked the TEG and NICE team and closed the meeting.</p>	

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	The date of the next meeting is Thursday 10 th January 2013	