

Date and Time: 9th March 2010 (10.00am-4.00pm)

Minutes: Confirmed

Guideline Development Group Meeting Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)

Place: RCOG

GDG present: *Gillian Baird (GB) (Chair)*
 Susan Anderson (SA)
 Carol Bagnall (CB)
 Tony Charman (TC)
 Diana Howlett (DH)
 Ann Le Couteur (ALC)
 Jamie Nicholls (JN)
 Sharon Richman (SR)
 Lorraine Scott (LS)
 Zoe Thompson (ZT)
 Penny Williams (PW)
 Anne Marie McKigney (AM)

**NCC-WCH staff
 in attendance:** *Wendy Riches (WR)*
 Hannah Rose Douglas (HRD)
 Shona Burman-Roy (SBR)
 Juliet Kenny (JK)
 Lily Jin (LJ)
 Stephen Murphy (SM)
 Manveet Patel (MP)
 Hugh McGuire (HM)

NICE Staff:	<i>Sue Latchem (SL)</i>	
Observers:	N/A	
Invited speaker:	N/A	
Apologies:	<i>Emily Simonoff</i>	

Note

GB welcomed the GDG to the fifth guideline development group for the guideline on autism spectrum disorder in children and young people. Apologies were received from ES. GB said farewell to MP who was leaving the NCC-WCH and thanked her for her work during the GDG.

Declarations of Interest:

ALC declared that she has been invited to speak at conferences on the topic of Autism and was not clear as to whether this needed to be declared on her form. WR advised that details of this work should also be included on her declaration of interests form.

JN declared that he had carried out unpaid work for the National Autistic Society and no conflict of interest was identified.

The group was informed that the NCC-WCH were still considering the research papers declared as interests by GB prior to the January GDG. As a precaution (SM) would be facilitate the related discussions during this 5th GDG meeting.

The topic of equalities was discussed.

Following GDG discussion recommendations were drafted for questions 1 and 2.

Items 5, 6 and 7 were not presented due to time constraints.

**Next meeting 27th April Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (RCPCH)
10.00am-4.00pm**