

Rehabilitation for chronic neurological disorders (including acquired brain injury)
Meeting 31
Date: 21st August 2024

Location: Zoom

Minutes: Final

Committee members present:		
Name	Role	Present for
Ian Bernstein (IB)	Chair	Items 1 – 5
Rachel Keetley (RK)	Topic Advisor	Items 1 – 3
Jane Williams (JW)	Topic Advisor	Items 1 – 5
Sue Williams (SW)	Lay member	Items 1 – 5
Yvonne Pettigrew	Lay member	Items 1 – 5
Nicholas Behn (NB)	Speech and language therapist	Items 1 – 5
Lisa Bunn (LBN)	Physiotherapist	Items 1 – 5
Teresa Clark (TC)	Physiotherapist	Items 1 – 5
Jacqueline Dean (JD)	Occupational therapist/Case manager	Items 1 – 5
Gaby Parker (GP)	Neuropsychologist	Items 1 – 5
Hamise Smith (HS)	Dietician	Items 1 – 5

In attendance:		
Name	Role	Present for
Fisayo Abba-Abba (FAA)	Technical Analyst	Items 1 – 5
Lisa Boardman (LB)	Guideline Lead	Items 1 – 5
Ted Barker (TB)	Systematic Reviewer	Items 1 – 5
Laura Elliff-O'Shea (LOS)	Senior Systematic Reviewer	Items 1 – 5
Charlie Fairhurst (CF)	Clinical Advisor	Items 1 – 5
Jen Francis (JMF)	Senior Systematic Reviewer	Items 1 – 5
Victoria Freeman (VF)	Systematic Reviewer	Items 1 – 5
Anja Fricke (AF)	Technical Analyst	Items 1 – 5
Jon Littler (JL)	Project Manager	Items 1 – 5
Alice Navein (AN)	Systematic Reviewer	Items 1 – 5
Joanna Perkin (JPE)	Senior Medical Editor	Items 1 – 5
Eric Slade (ES)	NICE Senior Health Economist	Items 1 – 5

Apologies:	
Shalmali Deshpande	Technical Analyst

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Mark Holloway	Social worker
Rachel Farrell	Neurologist
Jen Francis	Coordinator
Emer McGilloway	Topic Advisor
Jenny Jim	Clinical psychologist
Caroline Jones	Commissioner
Jill Kings	Occupational therapist
Nassif Mansour	GP
Joanne Powell	Nurse practitioner/rehabilitation coordinator
Parashar Ramanuj	Topic Advisor
Geraldine (Gerry) Roxburgh	Speech and language therapist

1. Welcome and objectives of the meeting

The Chair welcomed the committee members and attendees to the 31st Guideline Committee meeting on rehabilitation for chronic neurological disorders (including acquired brain injury). The Chair informed the committee that apologies had been received, as noted above.

2. Confirmation of matter under discussion and declarations of interest

The Chair confirmed that, for the purpose of managing conflicts of interest, the matter under discussion was rehabilitation for chronic neurological disorders (including acquired brain injury).

The Chair asked everyone to verbally declare any interests that have risen since the last meeting. The below declarations were made:

Name	Role	Type of interest	Description of interest	Relevant dates			Comments
				Interest arose	Interest declared	Interest ceased	
Nicholas Behn	Speech and Language Therapist	Direct – non-financial professional and personal interests	Oral presentation on project-based intervention for people with brain injury at the International Brain Injury Association Conference (Dublin, Ireland)	March 2023	August 2024	March 2023	
Nicholas Behn	Speech and Language Therapist	Direct – non-financial professional and personal interests	Oral presentation on dating skills after brain injury at the World Federation of Neurorehabilitation – Neuropsychological Rehabilitation Special Interest Group (Coimbra, Portugal).	June 2024	August 2024	June 2024	
Nicholas Behn	Speech and Language Therapist	Direct – non-financial professional and personal interests	Supporting author for a RCSLT Position Paper on Brain Injury	October 2024	August 2024	TBC	
Nicholas Behn	Speech and	Direct – non-financial	Lead author for a book chapter on	September 2024	August 2024	December 2024	

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	Language Therapist	professional and personal interests	project-based intervention for people with brain injury (book is on communication interventions for brain injury)				
It was agreed that these interests would not present a conflict at this meeting,							
3. Morning presentations							
<p>The Chair introduced Jen Francis, Laura Elliff-O'Shea, Shalmali Deshpande and Anja Fricke to present the morning's content. This was the evidence report for review question 4.4 on the effectiveness of interventions and approaches for improving and maintaining cognitive functions.</p> <p>After presentation and discussion of the evidence, the committee were invited to draft recommendations.</p>							
4. Afternoon presentations							
<p>The afternoon's business consisted of further recommendation drafting for review question 4.4. Once this concluded, the Chair thanked NICE team members for all their hard work preparing the evidence for the day, and the committee for their contributions, before moving on to the final item of the day.</p>							
5. Any other Business							
<p>It was agreed that, since the meeting had not been quorate with more than 50% of members in attendance, that the drafted recommendations would be circulated to the committee for ratification at a later date.</p> <p>The Chair closed the meeting at 16:30.</p>							

Location and date of next meeting:

Virtually TBC