

**Date and Time:** *21<sup>st</sup> March 2014, 10.00 – 15.10*

**Minutes:** Final

**Guideline Development Group Meeting 5:** Diabetic Foot Problems

**Place:** *Floor 24  
City Tower  
Piccadilly Plaza  
Manchester  
M1 4BT*

**Present:** Damien Longson (Chair)  
Rachael Hutchinson (RH)  
Laurie King (LK)  
Catherine Gooday (CG)  
Sheila Burston (SBu)  
Rachel Berrington (RB)  
Sue Brown (SBr)  
Issak Bhojani (IB)  
Chizo Agwu (CA)  
Stella Vig (SV)

**Apologies:** Gerry Rayman (GR)  
Susan Benbow (SBe)  
Nicholas Foster (NF)

**In attendance:**

**NICE Staff:**

Stephanie Mills (SM)  
Gabriel Rogers (GR)  
Hugh McGuire (HM)  
Vicky Gillis (VG)  
Chris Gibbons (CG)  
Sarah Dunsdon (SD)

**Apologies:**

Michael Heath (MH)

**Observers:**

N/A

1. DL welcomed all to the fifth diabetic foot guideline development group (GDG) meeting.

Apologies were received from SB, NF and GR. DL stated that the objectives for the day were to look at two evidence reviews; the first related to monitoring of people with current diabetic foot problems, and the second covered the effectiveness of different management strategies for people with existing foot problems. No conflicts above what had already been made known to the NICE team were given. The group were asked to look at the minutes for GDG 4. They were agreed without amendment.

2. VG presented the evidence for review question 7. The GDG discussed the lack of evidence in this area and how the need for clinical review was very likely to be individualised based on the needs of the patient and the urgency of the clinical situation.

The GDG agreed that the evidence statement presented was a representative summary of the evidence. The GDG then went on to make consensus based recommendations.

3. CG presented on the progress of the health economic modelling. CG explained that the complexity of the model would largely be due to the large number of health states which would be included, and the need to build some form of memory into the model, if a markov model was to be used. The GDG answered queries about the likelihood of going on to have further major amputations or develop diabetic foot problems in an unaffected foot and/ or leg.
4. Following lunch, VG presented the evidence for review question 8. The GDG talked about the lack of evidence for some of the management strategies included in the review. The group discussed the importance of education and the sharing of information to support effective clinical management. The GDG then went on to make recommendations.
5. DL thanked the group for their hard work. SM let the group know the date, time and clinical areas to be covered at the next meeting.

### **Date and venue of the next meeting**

Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> May 2014 – NICE Offices, Manchester, 10am start