

Notes

**Children's Attachment  
Guideline Development Group Meeting 5****Date & Time:** 10.30am-4pm, Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2014**Minutes:** Confirmed**Place:** The Royal College of Psychiatrists  
21 Prescott Street  
London E1 8BB**Present:** **GDG members**  
Jane Barlow (JB)  
Tim Kendall (TK)  
Sara Barratt (SB)  
Tony Clifford (TC)  
Pasco Fearon (PFe)  
Danya Glaser (DG)  
Aine Rose Kelly (AK)  
Judith James (JJ)  
Clare Morgan (CM)  
Kenny Ross (KR)  
Stephen Scott (SS)  
Miriam Silver (MS)  
David Shemmings (DSh)  
Harriet Ward (HW)**Experts**

None

**In attendance:** **NCCMH staff**  
Maryla Moulin (MM)  
Leanne Saxon (LS)  
Eric Slade (ES)

1. Apologies were received from Peter Fonagy, Douglas Simkiss, Paul Mitchell, June Leat and Scott King.
2. An interest was declared by ARK.
3. The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed for accuracy and confirmed.
4. Care leavers and carer representatives were asked to express any concerns.
5. The GDG have either volunteered or have been volunteered to write sections of the introduction in the full guideline.
6. The health economic evidence for children in foster care and children on the edge of care was presented.
7. The GDG were informed that the final decision was made to include placement stability as a proxy measure for attachment. Discussion followed and the GDG were asked whether studies which do not use validated tools to measure should be included or excluded from reviews. It was agreed to include these studies but to downgrade the evidence accordingly.
8. The evidence on pharmacological interventions to improve attachment in children was presented.
9. The biological and environmental risk factors associated with the development of attachment problems in children and young people on the edge of care, in care or adopted from care was presented.
10. Draft recommendations relating to the evidence on treatment interventions were presented to the GDG.

**Date, time and venue of the next meeting**

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2014, 10.30am – 4pm, at The Royal College of Psychiatrists, 21 Prescot Street, London E1 8BB