

Date and Time: Thursday 15th January 2015

Minutes: Confirmed

Guideline Development Group Meeting 11 – Low back pain

Place: NCGC office, 180 Great Portland Street, London, W1W 5QZ

Present: **GDG members**
 Stephen Ward (SW) – Chair - Consultant in Pain Medicine, Brighton & Sussex University Hospitals NHS trust
 Babak Arvin (BA) - Consultant Neurosurgeon, Queens Hospital
 Ian Bernstein (IB) - General Practitioner, Gordon House Surgery, London
 Suzanne Blowey (SB) - Consultant Nurse Chronic Pain, Mount Gould Hospital, Plymouth (present for items 1-4 only)
 Patrick Hill (PH) - Consultant Clinical Psychologist, Birmingham Community Healthcare NHS Trust
 Gary MacFarlane (GM) - Chair (clinical) in Epidemiology, University of Aberdeen (present for items 1-4 only)
 Mark Mason (MM) - Patient member
 Neil O’Connell (NOC) – Lecturer, School of Health Sciences & Social Care Brunel University (present for items 1-4 only)
 Simon Somerville (SS) - General Practitioner, Park Medical Centre, Leek, Staffordshire
 Steven Vogel (SV) – Vice Principal (Research), British School of Osteopathy
 David Walsh (DW) - Honorary consultant rheumatologist, Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

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 Serena Carville (SC) – Associate Director
 Bethany King (BK) – Document Editor/Process Assistant
 Kate Lovibond (KL) – Senior Health Economist
 Qudsia Malik (QM) – Research Fellow

Apologies: Wendy Menon (WM) - Patient/Carer member
 Ben Pordes (BP) – Project Manager
 Philip Sell (PS) - Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon, University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust
 Chris Wells (CW) - Consultant in Pain Medicine

In attendance:

NICE Staff:	Ben Doak (BD)	Guidelines Commissioning Manager, NICE
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Notes

1. Introduction, apologies and minutes

SW welcomed the group to the eleventh meeting of this GDG. Apologies were received from WM, PS and CW.

2. Declaration of interests

No new declarations of interest were received this GDG meeting.

3. Evidence review: MBR

ROM presented the clinical evidence review for multidisciplinary biopsychosocial rehabilitation. KL presented the health economic evidence. The GDG discussed the evidence and drafted recommendations.

4. Summary of the reviews

ROM and the GDG reviewed summaries of the evidence for acupuncture, electrotherapy, exercise and manual therapy, and reviewed the provisionally drafted recommendations.

5. Network meta-analysis (NMA) presentation/health economic modelling and discussion

SC gave a presentation about the pros and cons of a NMA and why they are performed. KL presented the considerations from a health economics perspective and relevance to the economic modelling. The GDG discussed the non-invasive evidence. The GDG discussed the key points presented.

6. Any other business

SC noted that the items on the agenda, summaries of the evidence for orthotics, pharmacology, postural, psychological and self-management, and chapter introductions, which had not been discussed, would be circulated to the GDG members after the GDG, and that the remaining summary reviews would be looked at in GDG12.

Date, time and venue of the next meeting

Tuesday 24th February 2015, 10:00–16:00, Boardroom, NCGC, 180 Great Portland Street, London, W1W 5QZ