

Date and Time: Thursday 3 December 2015, 10:00-16:00

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

Minutes: Confirmed

Guideline Development Group Meeting 22 – Low back pain and sciatica

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

Patrick Hill (PH) - Honorary Consultant Clinical Psychologist, Royal United Hospital, Bath

Gary MacFarlane (GM) - Chair (clinical) in Epidemiology, University of Aberdeen

Neil O'Connell (NOC) – Lecturer, School of Health Sciences & Social Care Brunel University

Diana Robinson (DR) – Patient member

Philip Sell (PS) – Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon, University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust

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

Chris Wells (CW) – Consultant in Pain Medicine

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Mikaela Bartlett (MB) – Document Editor / Process Assistant, NCGC

Emma Brockis (EB) – Health Economist, NCGC

Sophie Carlisle (SoC) – Research Fellow, NCGC

Serena Carville (SC) – Associate Director, NCGC

Margherita Fanos (MF) – Research Fellow, NCGC

Elisabetta Fenu (EF) - Health Economic Lead, NCGC

Qudsia Malik (QM) – Senior Research Fellow, NCGC

Rachel O'Mahony (ROM) – Senior Research Fellow, NCGC

Ben Pordes (BP) – Project Manager, NCGC

NICE

Rupert Franklin (RF) – Programme Manager, NICE

Gareth Haman (GH) – Digital Editor, NICE

Apologies

Sana Khan (SK) – Research Fellow, NCGC
Mark Mason (MM) – Patient member

Notes**1. Introduction, apologies and minutes**

SW welcomed the group to the twenty-second meeting of this GDG. Apologies were received from MM and SK.

2. Declaration of interests

No new declarations were raised for this meeting.

3. Reviewing recommendations

The GDG revisited the recommendations based on the new evidence and where they had not previously made a recommendation.

4. Treatment pathway/algorithm

The GDG drafted the algorithm based on their recommendations.

5. Any other business

There was no other business.

Date, time and venue of the next meeting

Tuesday 12 January 2016, 1000-1600, Boardroom, NCGC, 180 Great Portland Street, London, W1W 5QZ