

Date and Time: Wednesday 14th January 2015

Minutes: Confirmed
Guideline Development Group Meeting 10

Low back pain

Place: Stirling room, Royal Institute of British Architects, 66 Portland Place,
London W1B 1AD

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) - Consultant Clinical Psychologist, Birmingham Community Healthcare NHS Trust
Gary MacFarlane (GM) - Chair (clinical) in Epidemiology, University of Aberdeen
Mark Mason (MM) - Patient member
Serena McCluskey (SMc) - Co-opted Return to work specialist (present for items 4 and 5 only)
Neil O'Connell (NOC) – Lecturer, School of Health Sciences & Social Care Brunel University
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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Ella Barber (EB) – Research Fellow (present for items 4 and 5 only)
Serena Carville (SC) – Associate Director
Kate Lovibond (KL) – Senior Health Economist
Qudsia Malik (QM) – Research Fellow
Rachel O'Mahony (ROM) – Senior Research Fellow
Ben Pordes (BP) – Project Manager

Apologies:

Wendy Menon (WM) - Patient/Carer member

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 tenth meeting of this GDG. Apologies were received from WM.

2. Declaration of interests

NO declared the personal financial non-specific interest that he had been invited to give a talk on evidence in chronic pain and a workshop on interpreting meta-analysis at the Belgian Manual Therapy Congress in September 2015. The congress is organized by the Manual Therapy Association of Belgium who will cover travel and accommodation and pay a 500 Euro speakers fee. He has not been asked for anything in return beyond giving my two talks and has no prior or ongoing commitment with, or membership of the organization.

SMc declared the personal non-financial non-specific interest that she was asked to provide peer-review for a final report of a NIHR Public Health Research funded project on work and wellbeing in December 2014.

Actions for both were agreed to as declare and participate.

In relation to previous declarations, DW, CW and GM were asked withdraw from any discussion or recommendation making involving pharmacological therapies within the combination therapies review.

No other new declarations of interest were received at this GDG meeting.

3. Evidence review: Combination therapies

ROM presented the clinical evidence review for combination therapies. KL presented the health economic evidence. The GDG discussed the evidence and draft recommendations. .

4. Evidence review: Combination therapies with return to work focus

ROM presented the clinical evidence review for combination therapies with a return to work focus. KL presented the health economic evidence. The GDG discussed the evidence. No recommendations were drafted at this stage.

5. Any other business

There were no other business.

Date, time and venue of the next meeting

Thursday 15th January 2015, 10:00–16:00, Boardroom, NCGC, 180 Great Portland Street, London, W1W 5QZ