

Date and Time: Tuesday 25th November 2014

Minutes: Confirmed

Guideline Development Group Meeting 9 – Low back pain

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

Present:

GDG members

Stephen Ward (SW) - Chair
Babak Arvin (BA) - Neurosurgeon
Ian Bernstein (IB) - General Practitioner
Patrick Hill (PH) - Consultant Clinical Psychologist
Gary MacFarlane (GM) - Chair (clinical) epidemiology
Mark Mason (MM) - Patient/Carer member
Neil O'Connell (NOC) – Physiotherapist
Philip Sell (PS) - Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon
Simon Somerville (SS) - General Practitioner
Helen Taylor (HT) - Nurse Specialist
Steven Vogel (SV) – Osteopath
David Walsh (DW) - Honorary Consultant Rheumatologist

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Serena Carville (SC) – Associate Director
Sophia Kemmis Betty (SKB) – Health Economist
Bethany King (BK) – Document Editor/Process Assistant
Qudsia Malik (QM) – Research Fellow
Ben Pordes (BP) – Project Manager
Silvia Rabar (SR) – Senior Research Fellow

Apologies:

Kate Lovibond (KL) – Senior Health Economist
Wendy Menon (WM) - Patient/Carer member
Chris Wells (CW) - Consultant in Pain Medicine

In attendance:

NICE Staff:		
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Notes

1. Introduction, apologies and minutes

SW welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from KL, WM and CW. The meeting notes and NICE minutes of the last meeting were reviewed by the GDG, with minor amendments made. The notes and NICE minutes were subsequently agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

2. Declaration of interests

New declarations were received from BA, IB and NOC who declared personal pecuniary interests. PS declared a personal non-pecuniary interest. The Chair reviewed these and it was determined that all could declare and participate. No other new declarations were received from GDG members and therefore no further action was required.

3. Update of MIDs

The GDG discussed MIDs as different scoring values have been used across reviews. The GDG must agree on an MID score to use across reviews for consistency. No conclusions were made and the GDG will return to this topic at the next GDG meeting.

4. Evidence review: Psychological interventions

SR presented the clinical evidence review of Psychological interventions. SKB presented the health economic evidence. The GDG discussed the evidence. A consensus decision was reached by the GDG.

5. Combination therapy strategy

ROM talked to the GDG about how we are going to categorise the combination therapies review.

6. Evidence review: Return to work

ROM presented the clinical evidence review of Return to work. SKB presented the health economic evidence. The GDG discussed the evidence.

7. Evidence review: Multidisciplinary biopsychosocial rehabilitation (MBR)

ROM presented the clinical evidence review of MBR. The GDG discussed the evidence.

8. Any other business

None.

Date, time and venue of the next meeting

Wednesday 14th January 2015, 10:00–16:00, Stirling room, Royal Institute of British Architects, 66 Portland Place, London W1B 1AD