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Public Health Advisory Committee C – Meeting 1

Excess winter deaths

10 October 2013

Derwent Room, NICE Offices

**10 Spring Gardens
London SW1A 2BU**

Final Minutes

Attendees:	<p><i>PHAC Members</i> Gina Radford (Chair), Ross Cowan, Barbara Hanratty,(from 10.15) Raymond Jankowski, Eileen Kaner, John Kolm-Murray, Stephen Morris, Jasmine Murphy, Andrew Probert, Simon Roberts, David Sloan.</p> <p><i>NICE Team</i> Jane Huntley, Hugo Crombie, Andrew Hoy, Kim Jeong, Patricia Mountain, Karen Peploe.</p> <p><i>Review Teams</i> Mike Davies- University College London (UCL) James Milner, Paul Wilkinson - London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM)</p> <p><i>Observers</i> Wesley Hubbard, Susie Morrow, Sotiris Vardoulakis</p>
Apologies:	<p><i>PHAC Members</i> Christine Liddell, Kamran Siddiqi</p>

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Item		Action
<p>1. Welcome and objectives for the meeting</p>	<p>The Chair welcomed the members of the Public Health Advisory Committee (PHAC), review team & observers to the first meeting on 10th October 2013.</p> <p>The Chair also welcomed the members of public to the meeting and outlined the protocol for their attendance.</p> <p>The Chair outlined the objectives of the meeting which included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Background information on the topic • Introduction to health economics on the topic • Introduction to national policy context • Introduction to local implementation context <p>The Chair informed the PHAC that apologies had been received. These are noted above.</p>	
<p>2. Declarations of Interests</p>	<p>The Chair explained that verbal declarations of interest are a standing item on every agenda and are recorded in the minutes as a matter of public record. The Chair asked everyone to verbally declare the interests they had made in writing at the time of their application to join the PHAC and also to declare any additional interests that may have arisen since then.</p> <p>The potential conflicts of interest declared were as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal pecuniary interest John Kolm-Murray- employed as a seasonal & affordable warmth coordinator at the London Borough of Islington • Non-personal pecuniary interest Simon Roberts Chief Executive of the Centre for Sustainable Energy (CSE) – may apply in the future for funding initiatives that may result following the publication of this guidance Mike Davies, James Milner, Paul Wilkinson from LSHTM, declared that they may apply for future research funding in this area • Personal non-pecuniary interest John Kolm-Murray – member of the National Right to Fuel and End to Fuel Poverty Coalition steering groups, Deputy Chair of the National Carbon action Network • Personal family interest Raymond Jankowski – his wife works for Public Health England that promotes immunisation 	

	The Chair and the Director/Associate Director noted that the interests declared did not prevent the attendees at committee from fully participating in the meeting.	
3. Introductions	The committee members and NICE team introduced themselves, and briefly outlined their roles.	
4. NICE – ways of working, recommendations	Jane Huntley, associate director at NICE, and Hugo Crombie, lead analyst for this topic gave a short presentation, outlining the roles and responsibilities, ways of working, the production of NICE public health guidance, the role of health economics in NICE guidance and a brief outline of the scope for the work.	
5, 6 Introduction to the topic presentation	<p>Paul Wilkinson from the review team at London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine (LSHTM), gave a presentation as an introduction to the topic. The overview included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Structure of temporal patterns in mortality/morbidity and its drivers which include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Trend – population changes, health, health care ,seasonality ○ Episodic – influenza ○ Day to day – temperature, pollution, day of week • Attribution to temperature • Weather-health relationships • Commentary on evidence of health impacts • Key points of epidemiological evidence <p>There was time for discussion and questions of clarification.</p>	
7,8 Presentation of economic modelling	<p>James Milner from LSHTM gave a presentation on the plan for the economic model.</p> <p>LSHTM has a relevant pre-existing model which may help in the development of a suitable health economics model for this topic. James outlined what the current model covers and suggested what developments the current model may need. The PHAC asked questions of clarification throughout the presentations. Following the presentation there was time for the PHAC to discuss. It was agreed that a health economics subgroup would be useful. This group would support the development of the health economics modelling, but would not make decisions independent of the PHAC.</p>	

	<p>Action point: Review team to develop the health economic model according to the PHAC direction and bring back to a future PHAC meeting.</p> <p>Action point: PHAC members that are interested in participating in a health economics sub group to contact NICE team – in the meeting Andrew Probert, Simon Roberts and Stephen Morris volunteered, but if other PHAC members would be interested to contact NICE team Simon Roberts volunteered to support the modelling by contributing a study of under heating in different sorts of properties. This was accepted by NICE</p> <p>Action point: NICE team to set up Health Economics Sub group; Simon Roberts to forward links to the studies by CSE</p>	<p>Review Team</p> <p>PHAC</p> <p>NICE Team Simon Roberts</p>
<p>9. Policy context for EWD – DH cold weather plan; ECO and Green Deal</p>	<p>Simon Roberts, PHAC member, presented an overview of the national policy context for this topic. He is currently Chief Executive of the Centre for Sustainable Energy. This included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department of Health, Public Health England and the evolving Cold Weather Plan • Department of Energy and Climate Change • The new Fuel Poverty definition and framework for action • Energy Company Obligation and Green Deal • Warm Homes Discount • Ofgem and social obligations for the gas and electricity distribution businesses 	
<p>10. Implementation context for EWD - role of Local Authorities; role of health and wellbeing boards and CCGs</p>	<p>John Kolm-Murray, PHAC member presented an overview of the topic from the perspective of a local authority, outlining the roles and responsibilities, within the new public health structure. The key points were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Return of public health (to upper-tier/unitary authorities) • Public Health Outcomes Framework (PHOF), has Excess winter deaths (4.15), and Fuel poverty (1.17) • LAs should have regard for PHOF but can choose which ones to prioritise locally • The roles of Health & Wellbeing Boards, Clinical Commissioning Groups and examples of specific local programmes • The challenges that local authorities face 	
<p>11,12,13. Summary of the day /Any</p>	<p>The Chair summarised the items that had been discussed throughout the day.</p>	

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(PHAC approved)

other Business/Next steps	<p>The Chair informed the group of the next steps. Next meeting -19 November 2013 (papers to be mailed 8th November)</p> <p>Next meeting is on TUESDAY 19th NOVEMBER. Please note it is in BROADWAY HOUSE NOT NICE OFFICES. Closest Tube to Broadway House is St James' Park. David Sloan will be chairing this meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• PHAC members are reminded that NICE will only process expenses that are submitted within 3 months of the date incurred.	
Close	The meeting closed at 3.50 pm.	