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Public Health Advisory Committee C – Meeting 5

13th March 2014
Excess winter deaths
The Royal College of Anaesthetists
35 Red Lion Square
London WC1R 4SG

Final Minutes

Attendees:	<p><i>PHAC Members</i> Gina Radford (Chair), Raymond Jankowski (pm only), John Kolm-Murray, Christine Liddell, Andrew Probert (from 11.00am), Simon Roberts, Eileen Kaner, Stephen Morris, Ross Cowan.</p> <p><i>NICE Team</i> Jane Huntley, Hugo Crombie, Andrew Hoy, Kim Jeong, Alix Johnson (am only), Patricia Mountain, Karen Peploe.</p> <p><i>Experts</i> Martin Chadwick ,Carolyn Snell (both am only)</p>
Apologies:	<p><i>PHAC Members</i> Barbara Hanratty, Jasmine Murphy, Kamran Siddiqi, David Sloan</p>

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Item		Action
<p>1,2 Welcome and objectives for the meeting</p>	<p>The Chair welcomed the members of the Public Health Advisory Committee (PHAC), review team, experts and observers to the fifth meeting on Excess Winter Deaths. The Chair informed the PHAC that apologies had been received. These are noted above.</p> <p>The Chair also welcomed the one member of public to the meeting and outlined the protocol for their attendance.</p> <p>The Chair reminded all present that the PHAC is independent and advisory, and that its decisions and recommendations to NICE do not represent final NICE guidance; and they may be changed as a result of public consultation.</p> <p>The Chair outlined the objectives of the meeting which included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To receive and discuss expert testimony • To discuss implications for the existing recommendations • To discuss the draft research recommendations • To discuss further recommendations and considerations. 	
<p>3. 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.</p> <p>The Chair asked the PHAC and attendees at the table, to declare any changes to the interests already declared, and any additional declarations. Previous declarations of interest can be viewed on the NICE website here: http://guidance.nice.org.uk/PHG/70</p> <p>Non-personal pecuniary interest: Eileen Kaner – a PhD student Institute of Health & Society is focusing on the topic area.</p> <p>Non-personal pecuniary interest: Carolyn Snell – The work presented was funded by Eaga Charitable Trust (a Charitable Trust that funds fuel poverty research).</p> <p>Personal non-pecuniary interest - Carolyn Snell: has made policy recommendations as a result of the research being presented</p> <p>Martin Chadwick – no interests were declared</p>	

<p>4. Minutes of the last meeting</p>	<p>The minutes were accepted as an accurate record of the meeting and it was confirmed that all actions had been addressed or were in hand.</p>	
<p>5 Expert Papers 1 and 2 - Presentation and discussion</p>	<p>Christine Liddell, from University of Ulster and a PHAC member gave two short presentations: on Alzheimer's, dementia and excess winter mortality; and on the effect of cold homes on the health and wellbeing of children. There was time for questions and discussion which included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In relation to the first of these topic areas, the recording of cause of death may not indicate all the contributing factors • In relation to the second of these topic areas, the high level of fuel poverty in single parent families 	
<p>6. Expert Paper 3 - Presentation and discussion</p>	<p>Carolyn Snell from the University of York, provided expert testimony on the effect of benefit changes on fuel poverty among people with disabilities, and the impact on their health and wellbeing. The Chair noted that this evidence is not yet published and although the research funders were content for it to be presented to the committee in public, members were asked to treat the paper as academic in confidence and not to circulate or quote from it.</p> <p>There was time for questions and discussion.</p>	
<p>7. Expert Paper 4 - Presentation and discussion</p>	<p>Martin Chadwick from 'Beat the Cold' (a registered charity working in Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire) presented evidence to the committee on how local partnerships can be developed to address the impact of cold homes, in particular among vulnerable groups. There was time for questions and discussion which included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The important role of advice providers including the third sector/voluntary sector • The importance of referrals from health providers to advice providers • Providing sustainable solutions in addition to crisis intervention • Role of evidence in clinical commissioners decision making in this area • Importance of sensitive utility providers when dealing with vulnerable client groups. 	
<p>8. Discussion – Key points from Expert Papers 1-4 for recommendations and considerations</p>	<p>The Chair thanked all three experts for their helpful testimony.</p> <p>The Chair asked the committee to consider the key points that would be incorporated into the draft recommendations and considerations later in the meeting.</p>	

<p>9. Drafting and revising research recommendations</p>	<p>The NICE team presented some potential areas for research recommendations based on the reviews presented and discussed at previous meetings. PHAC were asked to consider these and to identify gaps in the evidence. These were discussed and revised and additional ones suggested.</p> <p>Action: NICE to amend draft research recommendations based on the direction of the PHAC and bring back to the PHAC for further consideration at a future meeting</p>	<p>PHAC</p>
<p>10,11. Drafting and revising recommendations and considerations</p>	<p>As at previous meetings this gives the committee the opportunity to consider the existing recommendations in light of the evidence heard today and to make amendments and consider whether new recommendations should be drafted.</p> <p>Action: NICE to amend recommendations and considerations based on the direction of the PHAC and bring back to the PHAC for further consideration</p> <p>Action: recommendation 1, PHAC members asked to suggest changes by email</p> <p>Hugo Crombie, NICE, circulated a hard copy the draft guideline. This will be circulated electronically for comment</p> <p>Action: PHAC members to comment by 25th March</p> <p>Action: PHAC members to check that their details are correct, and inform the NICE team.</p>	<p>NICE</p> <p>PHAC</p> <p>PHAC</p> <p>PHAC</p>
<p>14. AOB</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PHAC members were reminded that NICE will only process expenses that are submitted within three months of the date incurred. • The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd April 2014 at NICE 10 Spring Gardens London SW1A 2BU 	
<p>The meeting closed at 3.30pm</p>		