

Spondyloarthritis Committee meeting

Date: 24 November 2015

Location: Bollin meeting room, NICE Manchester

Minutes: Draft

Committee members present:	
Gary McVeigh (Chair) (GM)	Present for all items
Amanda Isdale (AI)	Present for items 1-6
Louise Warburton (LW)	Present for all items
Tina Hawkins (TH)	Present for items 1-5
Charlotte Davis (CD)	Present for all items
David Chandler (DCh)	Present for all items
Nicola Goodson (NG)	Present for items 1-6
Debbie Cook (DC)	Present for all items
Nicky Bassett-Burr (NBB) – co-opted expert	Present for items 1-4

In attendance	
Sue Spiers (SS) - <i>Associate Director</i>	Present for all items
Katherine McAllister (KM) - <i>Technical Analyst</i>	Present for all items
Robby Richey (RR) - <i>Technical Analyst</i>	Present for items 1-3
Gabriel Rogers (GR) - <i>Technical Advisor (HE)</i>	Present for all items
Rachel Houten (RH) - <i>Health Economist</i>	Present for all items
Sue Ellerby (SE) – <i>Clinical Advisor</i>	Present for all items
Vonda Murray (VM) – <i>Project Manager</i>	Present for all items

Apologies:	
Jon Packham	
Carol McCrum	
Winston Rennie – co-opted expert	
Alasdair Denniston – co-opted expert	
Debajit Sen – co-opted expert	
Phil O'Connor – co-opted expert	

1. Welcome, minutes of the last meeting, declarations of interest and objectives for the meeting

The Chair welcomed the Committee members and attendees to the tenth guideline development group meeting. He provided a brief overview and objectives of the day highlighting the information that would be discussed.

Apologies were noted, as recorded above and minutes of the last meeting were agreed as an accurate record.

All Committee members were asked to share any new conflicts of interest which have not previously been declared.

No new declarations of interest defined as requiring consideration, for this or future meetings, by the NICE Conflict of Interest policy were made by the committee members present.

LW informed the committee that her job title had now changed to Interim Medical Director of Telford Musculoskeletal Service.

2. RQ30 - *What is the effectiveness of specialist-led, long-term management of spondyloarthritis compared with primary-care-led, long-term management?*

RR presented the review question noting that despite a broad review protocol no appropriate evidence had been identified.

The committee discussed their own clinical practice and their experiences of referral between primary and secondary care for people with spondyloarthritis and for shared care agreements.

Consensus based recommendations were made following this discussion.

3. RQ 31 – *How should the cross-speciality care for people with spondyloarthritis be organised?*

RR presented the review question. It was noted that no appropriate evidence had been identified.

The committee considered related recommendations in the current psoriasis guideline and discussed their own current clinical practice and experience of working across different specialities to make recommendations relating to cross-speciality care.

4. Technical approach to recognition and diagnosis questions and protocol ratification

GR provided an overview of the role of sensitivity and specificity measures in understanding the diagnostic accuracy of signs, symptoms and risk factors for spondyloarthritis as presented in the evidence base. This included the impact of considering prevalence data and likelihood ratios when interpreting evidence.

SA GDG 10 minutes

GR provided an update on progress with RQs 1 and 2 including a further review of the relevant protocols.

5. Health Economics update

RH provided an update on progress with the health economic modelling for this guideline – “*What factors should initiate referral to a rheumatologist?*”

The committee provided information to inform development of the proposed model.

6. Update on guideline structure and development of research recommendations

KM presented the committee with information regarding the production of introductions for individual chapters in the full guideline.

The committee discussed further queries from the technical team with regard to the review question “*What is the diagnostic utility of imaging for investigating suspected spondyloarthritis?*”

KM provided the committee with an overview of the purpose of research recommendations within a guideline and NICE’s process for prioritisation of research recommendations within NIHR. It was agreed that a representative NIHR would be invited to a future meeting to help the committee further develop high priority research recommendations.

7. Any Other Business

SS informed the committee that the editor will be attending the next meeting to discuss production of the Information for the Public document.

8. Summary and next steps

There were no additional matters arising. The Chair briefly summarised the discussions from the meeting.

The next meeting will take place on 11 and 12 January 2016 in Manchester