

**Date and time:** Tuesday 8 April 2014, 1000-1600

**Minutes:** Confirmed

**Guideline Development Group Meeting    Diagnosis and monitoring of asthma  
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**Place:** Boardroom, NCGC, 180 Great Portland Street, London W1W 5QZ

**Present:** John Alexander, Consultant in Paediatrics & Paediatric Intensive Care  
Ren Gilmartin, Respiratory Nurse Specialist  
Val Hudson, Patient member  
Angela Key, Chief Respiratory Physiologist  
Matthew Masoli, Consultant Respiratory Physician  
Melanie McFeeters, Consultant Nurse in Children’s Respiratory Diseases  
Andrew Menzies-Gow (Chair), Consultant in Respiratory Medicine  
Tahmina Siddiqui, General Practitioner partner  
Michael Thomas, Professor of Primary Care Research & Principal in General Practice (did not participate for item 8)  
Emily Davies, Senior Research Fellow, NCGC  
Alex Haines, Health Economist, NCGC  
Bernard Higgins, Clinical Director, NCGC  
Rachel O’Mahony, Senior Research Fellow, NCGC  
Amelia Unsworth, Project Manager, NCGC (notes) (present for items 1-3)

**Apologies:** Tara Burn, Patient member  
Erol Gaillard, Senior Lecturer & Honorary Consultant in Paediatric Respiratory Medicine  
Grace Marsden, Senior Health Economist, NCGC  
Paul Miller, Senior Information Scientist, NCGC  
Jill Parnham, Operations Director, NCGC  
Georgina Russell, RCP Clinical Fellow (Specialist Trainee Adviser)

**In attendance:**

NICE Staff:	Caroline Keir, Guidelines Commissioning Manager	
NICE attendee 1		

**Observers:**

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## Notes

### 1. **Welcome and declarations of interest**

The Chair welcomed the group to the eighth meeting of this GDG. Apologies were received from TB and EG.

The Chair reviewed and requested updates to the declarations of interest register.

VH declared a personal pecuniary interest for accommodation and travel expenses received to attend a Boehringer Ingelheim training event on 'living with asthma' for their medical and marketing staff in Berlin. This was classified as reasonable travel expenses. The Chair agreed that no further action was required.

MM declared a personal pecuniary interest for a speaker fee received for an educational talk and workshop to healthcare professionals on 'reducing emergency asthma admissions' for a severe asthma study day sponsored by Novartis in March 2014. This was classified as a non-specific personal pecuniary interest. The Chair agreed that no further action was required.

No further declarations of interest were received and therefore no further action was required.

### 2. **GDG7 minutes**

The minutes of the last meetings were agreed as a true and accurate record.

### 3. **Review linking evidence to recommendations**

The GDG reviewed the linking evidence to recommendations for symptoms after exercise and bronchodilator response.

### 4. **Evidence review: spirometry**

The GDG reviewed the clinical and cost effectiveness evidence for spirometry.

### 5. **Evidence review: history of atopic disorders**

The GDG reviewed the clinical and cost effectiveness evidence for history of atopic disorders.

### 6. **HE model: update**

The GDG was given a presentation on the health economic model for asthma diagnosis.

### 7. **Protocols**

The GDG agreed review protocols.

### 8. **Clinical evidence update: FeNO for diagnosis**

The GDG reviewed the clinical evidence on FeNO for diagnosis.

### 9. **Any other business**

None.

**Notes**

**Date, time and venue of the next meeting**

Tuesday 13 May 2014, 1000-1600 at NCGC, 180 Great Portland Street, London W1W  
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