

NICE PUBLIC HEALTH GUIDANCE

Needle and Syringe Programmes (update of PH18)

4th Meeting of the Public Health Advisory Committee

22nd November 2013

Broadway House, Tothill St, London

Draft Minutes

Attendees:	<p>PHAC Members</p> <p>Core members Susan Jebb (Chair), Chris Packham, Lucy Yardley, Alison Lloyd</p> <p>Topic members Vicky Fenwick, Adam Mackridge, Tony Margett, Fortune Ncube, April Wareham(left room 10am-11am), Paul Wells</p> <p>Co-optees Joe Kean, Steroid Project Lead, Lifeline and Senior Trainer, Nine Zero Five</p> <p>NICE Team Simon Ellis, Chris Carmona, Emily Aidoo (minutes), Alastair Fischer, James Jagroo, Suzi Peden, Louise Millward, Melinda Kay, Mandy Harling, Lyndsey Unwin (arrived 14.31)</p> <p>Review Teams</p> <p>Observers Craig Moss (Addaction), Natalie Wood (Tiny Sparks project), Rhosyn Harris RCP, Grace Marsden RCP (left 3pm), Isabel Quilter (SCIE), Rhosyn Harris (SCIE)</p>
Apologies:	<p>PHAC Members Amanda Sowden, Joyce Rothschild, Toby Prevost, Mireia Jofre Bonet</p>

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Item		Action
<p>1. Welcome and objectives for the meeting</p>	<p>The Chair welcomed the Public Health Advisory Committee (PHAC), the NICE team, the review team and the observers to the 4th meeting on Needle and Syringe Programmes (update).</p> <p>The Chair also welcomed the members of public to the meeting.</p> <p>The Chair outlined the general housekeeping for the venue.</p> <p><i>The Chair stated that the aim of the meeting was to finalise the guidance on ‘Needle and syringe programmes’, to be published in March 2014.</i></p> <p><i>The objectives of the day were to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>consider stakeholders comments on the draft guidance</i> • <i>consider the findings from the fieldwork</i> • <i>consider the equality impact assessment of the guidance</i> • <i>discuss revisions and finalise the guidance</i> • <i>discuss plans for dissemination and implementation.</i> 	
<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.</p> <p>The Chair asked the PHAC to declare any changes to their conflicts of interest. Previous declarations of interest can be viewed in the minutes of meeting 1 on the NICE website here: http://guidance.nice.org.uk/PHG/72</p> <p>The Chair and Associate Director of CPH had reviewed these interests previously and determined that the interests declared did not prevent the attendees from fully participating in the meeting.</p>	

	<p>The following additional DOIs were made:</p> <p><u>Personal non pecuniary</u></p> <p>Adam Mackridge Funded by Reckitt Benskiser Pharmaceuticals Ltd, to attend a meeting in the US about tackling problems arising from addiction to prescription medication.</p> <p>Paul Wells Chair of UK Harm Reduction Alliance, which commented on the draft guidance during consultation. However, Paul was not involved in preparing the comments.</p> <p>The Chair confirmed that these interests did not prevent them from fully participating in the meeting.</p>	
<p>3. Presentation by Chris Carmona NICE</p>	<p>Overview of stakeholder comments – presentation CC gave an overview of who commented, the main themes, and key issues.</p> <p>The committee were given an opportunity to ask any questions about the comments. Feedback included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It may be important to note that the age limit includes under 16s, we don't want to exclude the under 18s. Safeguarding generally use 18+. We should give specific considerations to what it would take to separate the two. • Pharmacy comments- we should acknowledge that pharmacies do have experience of working with young people. 	
<p>4. Presentation by Craig Moss (Addaction) and Natalie Wood (Tiny Sparks)</p>	<p>Fieldwork report – presentation</p> <p>CM and NW presented the findings from fieldwork.</p> <p>The committee were given an opportunity to ask any questions about the report. This included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a lack of knowledge or evidence for image-enhancing needle use. • Pharmacy provision varies across the country. <p>Overall it was felt that the guidance had been well received and there wouldn't be many changes or additions to the recommendations.</p>	

<p>5. Presentation by James Jagroo (NICE)</p>	<p>Equality impact assessment – presentation and discussion</p> <p>JJ presented potential issues and PHAC members discussed necessary revisions.</p> <p>The committee were given an opportunity to ask any questions about the report.</p>	
<p>6. Revisions to the recommendations</p>	<p>Revisions to the recommendations and considerations – presentation of suggested revisions and PHAC discussion to finalise</p> <p>The committee suggested amendments and additions to the recommendations which were noted by the team.</p>	
<p>7. Finalising the research recommendations</p>	<p>Finalising the research recommendations</p> <p>The committee did not have time to discuss the research recommendations in any detail but agreed to comment by email.</p>	
<p>8. Presentation by Mandy Harling (NICE)</p>	<p>Supporting dissemination and implementation – issues and plans</p> <p>MH from the NICE Implementation team shared provisional plans and invited volunteers to comment on draft tools.</p>	
<p>10. Next steps</p>	<p>Summary of the day and next steps</p> <p>Susan summarised the main decisions and actions agreed.</p> <p><i>Simon outlined the next steps, as follows:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • complete the revisions, then edit the guidance • circulate the revised guidance to committee members on 16th December for comments by 6th January • meet with the Chair on 8th January to review the comments and agree final revisions • submit the guidance for NICE sign-off • publish the final guidance in March. 	
<p>11. AOB</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chair note that the next meeting would be on Friday 13th December on <u>Exercise referral schemes</u>, so only core members to attend. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Chair thanked the NSP topic members and cooptees for all their contributions.	
12. Close	The meeting closed at 4.45pm.	