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Tuberculosis Committee meeting

Date: 09/03/2015 and 10/03/2015

Location: NICE offices, Manchester

Minutes: Final

Committee members present:		
	Day 1	Day 2
Ibrahim Abubakar (AH) (Chair)	Present for all items	Present for all items
Al Story (AS)	Present for all items	Present for all items
Amy McConville (AM)	Present for all items	Present for all items
Christine Bell (CB)	Present for all items	Present for all items
Timothy Collyns (TC)	Present from item 3	Present for all items
Ann Chapman (AC)	Present for all items	Present for all items
Bertie Squire (BS)	Present for all items	Present for notes 1 – 4
Michael Eisenhut (ME)	Present for all items	Present for all items
Marc Lipman (ML)	Present for all items	Present for all items
Francis Drobniowski (FD)	N/A	Present for all items
Uday Katkar (UK)	Present for all items	Present for all items
Mango Hoto (MH)	Present for all items	Present for all items
Horace Reid (HR)	Present for all items	Present for all items

Apologies:			
Francis Drobniowski (FD)	Day 1 only		
Sudy Anaraki (SA)	Day 1 & 2		
In attendance:			
Beth Shaw	Associate Director - Methodology	Present for all	Present for the afternoon
Sue Spiers	Associate Director	Present for all	Present for all

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Julia Bidonde	Technical Analyst	Present for all	Present for all
Rachel Kettle	Technical Analyst	Present for all	Present for all
Catherine Swann	Associate Director	Present for the afternoon	N/A
Hugh McGuire	Technical Adviser	Present for the afternoon	Present for all
Lucy Hoppe	Technical Analyst	Present for items 3 to end	Present for items 2 to the end
Chris Gibbons	Health Economist	Present for all	Present for all
Gabriel Rogers	Technical Adviser (Health Economics)	Present for all	Present for all
Margaret Derry	Project Manager	Present for all	Present for all
Jaimella Espley	Medical Editor	Present for the afternoon	Present for all
Louisa Regan	Observer – Implementation Adviser, NICE	Present until the afternoon	N/A

Apologies:

Ben Doak

Guidelines Commissioning Manager

Notes: 9th March 2015

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

The Chair welcomed the Committee members and attendees to the nineteenth meeting on Tuberculosis.

Apologies were noted and the minutes of the last meeting were agreed as an accurate record, with a minor amendment. The Chair provided a brief overview and objectives of the day highlighting the information that would be discussed.

All GDG members were asked to share any new conflicts of interest which have not previously been declared. No new conflicts of interest were declared by the group or the NICE team

2. Revisiting HTA paper and finalising recommendations

CS summarised key changes to the HTA paper since it was last seen by the group. He highlighted that none of the changes to evidence impacted the recommendations already made.

The group discussed the evidence in some more detail and agreed the recommendations did not need revising.

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3. RQ 27 and RQ28 revisited

JB presented the findings from additional included studies. The group discussed these and refined the recommendations accordingly.

4. Reviewing recommendations, including re-run searches and addressing peer review comments

LH started to take the group through the draft list of recommendations, so any outstanding editing comments/queries could be addressed. Where relevant, she also highlighted any new studies identified during re-run searches and advised how they impacted the recommendations.

In addition, LH raised a comment received through peer review about the recommendation on use of adjunctive corticosteroids in the treatment of pericardial TB. The peer reviewer did not think the recommendation should be downgraded and highlighted that the evidence had not changed, but the methodological assessment of it had. After revisiting the evidence and the methodology used it was agreed that the recommendation should not be downgraded.

The group continued working through the recommendations until the break.

5. Recommendations about threshold for Mantoux testing

At the last meeting, following a review of the evidence, the GDG agreed that the threshold for Mantoux testing be changed. For consistency, they strongly recommended that the threshold in recommendations which were out of scope, should also be updated.

The group were asked for further rationale about why this change is important. This will need clearly explaining in the LETR tables. The Chair's agreed that, if needed, they would be available for a further discussion.

6. Reviewing recommendations

The group continued working through the recommendations, with RK explaining the queries for the public health sections.

7. Summing up

The Chair summarised the discussions from the day

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1. Objectives for the meeting
The Chair outlined the objectives of the meeting, which included finishing reviewing the recommendations - starting with new entrant screening, reviewing and agreeing research recommendations, and agreeing the guideline structure.
2. Reviewing recommendations
The group finished reviewing the recommendations, addressing all editing comments/queries and any other outstanding issues.
3. Reviewing recommendations – research recommendations
RK presented the public health research recommendations and LH presented suggested clinical research recommendations. The group reviewed and finalised these suggesting revisions. It was noted that the group would need to prioritise the research recommendations once they had been updated. It was agreed this would be completed remotely and guidance would be provided on how to prioritise.
4. Discussing the structure of the guideline
JE gave a presentation on proposed structures for the guideline. She outlined 3 possible approaches. The committee discussed and agreed the structure.
5. Information for the public
JE briefly explained the process for developing Information for the public and requested volunteers.
6. Next steps
MD recapped the immediate next steps in the process, before the guideline goes out for consultation. It was explained why GDG comments should be returned using the comments form. The final GDG meeting will be held in Manchester on 15 th July 2015.
7. Any other business
There were no additional matters arising. The Chair thanked the group for their hard

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work and closed the meeting

Date of next meeting: 15th July – Final GDG meeting

Location of next meeting: Avonmouth House, London