

Autism Spectrum Conditions Guideline Development Group Meeting

Date and Time: Tuesday 6 September 2011, 10.30am – 5pm
Wednesday 7 September 2011, 9.30am-4pm

Minutes: Confirmed

Place: The Royal College of Psychiatrists'
6th Floor Standon House
21 Mansell Street
London
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Present: **GDG members**
Simon Baron-Cohen (SBC)
Steve Pilling (facilitator) (SP)
Carole Buckley (CB)
Peter Carpenter (PC)
Marga Hogenboom (MH)
Campbell Main (CM)
Melissa McAuliffe (MMc)
Annie Jones (AJ)
Joan Panton (JP)
Juli Crocombe (JC)
Maggi Rigg (MR)
Anya Ustazewski (AU)

Experts
None

In attendance:
NCCMH Staff: Odette Megnin (OM)
Naomi Glover (NG)
Nadir Cheema (NC)
Flora Kaminski (FK)
Katherine Leggett (KL) – day 2 only

NICE staff Caroline Keir (CK)

Observers: Rachel Lee, NCCMH
Megan Stafford, NCCMH

Day 1 - Notes

1. Apologies were received from Katherine Leggett, Richard Mills and Patricia Howlin.
2. No new interests were declared.
3. The minutes were agreed as an accurate account of the previous meeting, with a few minor amendments.
4. Service user and carer concerns were discussed.
5. SP presented a summary of the findings and recommendations for case ID and assessment.
6. OM presented a summary of the findings and recommendation for psychosocial interventions.
7. OM presented a summary of the findings and recommendations for challenging behaviour. This included both pharmacological and psychological interventions.
8. FK presented a summary of the findings and recommendations for biomedical interventions.
9. OM presented a summary of the findings and recommendations for settings.

Day 2 - Notes

1. Apologies were received from Richard Mills and Patricia Howlin.
2. No new interests were declared.
3. Service user and carer concerns were discussed.
4. The group discussed general principles of care.
5. The group discussed carepathways.
6. The group reviewed the recommendation on interventions for families and carers.
7. The group reviewed changes made to the guideline after feedback from day 1.
8. The group discussed key priorities for implementation.
9. The group discussed the timeline and processes involved in the consultation process and finalisation of the guideline, including confidentiality agreements.
10. Research recommendations were discussed.
11. Next meeting: 31 January 2012.