

**NICE Local Government Public Health External Reference Group
Meeting 19**

Friday 16th January 2015

**Venue: NICE Offices, City Tower, Piccadilly Plaza, Manchester, M1 4BD
FinalMinutes**

Attendees:	<p>LGRG Members Phillip Woodward (Chair), Barry Anderson, Gary Bickerstaffe, Liz Blenkinsop, Paul Brookes, Dave Burnham, Karen Calder, Isobel Duckworth, Dominic Harrison, Teresa Heritage, John Illingworth, Narender Kaur, Jim McManus , Ian Reekie Derek Ward,</p> <p>NICE Team Charlotte Haynes (left at 12:05pm)Gill Leng(left at 11:10am), Patricia Mountain, Kay Nolan , Shaun Rowark (left at 11:15am), Stacy Wilkinson (left at 11:15am)</p>
Apologies:	<p>LGRG Members Keith Cunliffe, Tania Townsend, Rachel Flowers, Sharan Jones, Karen Calder, Penny Byrne</p> <p>NICE team Jennifer Connelly</p>

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Item		Action
<p>1. Welcome and introductions</p>	<p>The Chair welcomed everyone to the nineteenth Local Government Reference Group (LGRG) meeting. No members of the public had registered to attend this meeting.</p> <p>The Chair conveyed the apologies received. These are noted above.</p> <p>The Chair, Philip Woodward, introduced Professor Gillian Leng, who is the Deputy Chief Executive of NICE and the Director of Health and Social care at NICE. Following the retirement of Professor Mike Kelly, the Centre for Public Health has become part of the Health and Social Care directorate.</p> <p>Gill Leng said that local government is a key audience for NICE, and explained how NICE quality standards can support local government. Gill clarified that the quality standards team are not mandatory and works with organisations who have statutory powers to highlight the quality standards measures.</p> <p>Gill added that the Briefings content and process will be reflected on by NICE in the coming year, and she looked forward to hearing the LGRG thoughts on what could improve the Briefings product.</p> <p>Philip explained that the membership of LGRG contains a good cross section of local government representation such as Directors of public health, senior officer level, elected members and community members and is able to act as a good sounding board for future NICE products.</p> <p>There was time for questions and discussion.</p>	
<p>2. Declarations of Interests</p>	<p>The LGRG had received the updated version of the NICE conflicts of interest policy in the mailed papers. The Chair reminded the LGRG that members interests are recorded in the minutes, which will be published the NICE website.</p> <p>The Chair asked for declarations that were specific to the agenda and any additional interests that had not been previously declared.</p> <p>Types of interests can be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ specific or non-specific ○ financial or non-financial ○ financial interests can be personal [family] or non-personal. <p>The different types of interest are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Specific and non-specific interests. An interest is 'specific' if it refers directly to the matter 	

	<p>under discussion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An interest is 'non-specific' if it does not refer directly to the matter under discussion. <p>There were no new additional declarations made.</p> <p>The previously declared interests, noted at earlier meetings of LGRG, are available here: http://www.nice.org.uk/Get-Involved/Meetings-in-public/Local-Government-Reference-Group</p>	
<p>3. NICE Quality Standards presentation</p>	<p>Shaun Rowark and Stacy Wilkinson, technical analysts, with the NICE Quality standards team gave a presentation. The Health and Social Care Act 2012 enshrined NICE quality standards in legislation. The Act made it clear that NICE quality standards are central to supporting the Government's vision for an NHS and Social Care system focussed on delivering the best possible outcomes for people who use services. It requires NICE to prepare standards in relation to the provision of NHS service, PH services and Social Care in England.</p> <p>NICE quality standards containing 6-8 measurable, action-focussed statements showing priority areas for quality improvement with accompanying measures.</p> <p>In September 2014 a library of public health topics was referred to NICE by the Department of Health. As quality standards are based on published NICE guidance, this library of quality standards inform the guidelines that NICE will take forward for public health. There was time for questions and discussion</p>	
<p>3,4 Behaviour change Briefing</p>	<p>All Briefings are reviewed by NICE every two years to ensure that they are still current. Charlotte Haynes, public health analyst at NICE, introduced the first draft of the updated Briefing on Behaviour change.</p> <p>The LGRG were invited to comment on the briefing and a number of amendments were suggested.</p> <p>Dominic Harrison raised that there was published evidence on specific public health matters that was not explicitly included in this Briefing and felt that these omissions are regrettable and potentially unethical. Charlotte explained that the NICE Briefings were based on the published NICE guidance and were intended for a local authority audience. They were not intended to address national policy issues.</p>	<p>NICE</p>

	<p>This briefing summarises NICE’s recommendations for local authorities and partner organisations on commissioning, planning, delivering and evaluating initiatives to support behaviour change at individual, community and population levels. It is particularly aimed at health and wellbeing boards There was time for questions and discussion</p> <p>Action: NICE public health team to make revisions to the Briefing & bring back to next meeting of LGRG</p>	
<p>5, 6. Commissioning services incorporating NICE technology appraisals: nalmefene Briefing</p>	<p>Kay Nolan, associate director at NICE, introduced the Briefing and asked for feedback on its progress so far. Kay explained that this Briefing was prepared by Jennifer Connelly, public health registrar at NICE, who was unable to attend this meeting.</p> <p>The NICE technology appraisal <i>Nalmefene for reducing alcohol consumption in people with alcohol dependence</i> https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/TA325 published November 2014. Nalmefene (also known as Selincro) is recommended as a possible treatment for people with alcohol dependence. The guideline states that Nalmefene should be available as a treatment option for alcohol dependency within 3 months of the guidance being issued.</p> <p>As NICE Technology appraisals are mandatory for local authorities as well as NHS bodies, the NICE public health team have developed this Briefing by a shorter process to support local authorities in their commissioning and implementation responsibilities.</p> <p>Therefore, this was the only viewing by LGRG at committee and will not be road tested, but it will be shared again by email for comment before publication.</p> <p>This Briefing hopes to highlight to Local authorities that NICE Technology appraisals are applicable to them as they have commissioning responsibilities. The LGRG felt that this needed to be explicit within the Briefing. The LGRG felt that it would be useful for NICE to prepare for the local government audience a list of the Technology appraisals that will need to be funded for the next year so that they budget and deliver accordingly.</p> <p>There was time for questions and discussion, and the LGRG made recommendations for amendment.</p> <p>Action: NICE public health team to make revisions to the Briefing & send to LGRG for comment</p>	<p>NICE</p>

<p>7. Local Government Briefing options</p>	<p>Kay Nolan asked for LGRG opinions on the options suggested by the NICE public health team and the NICE social care team, and asked them to prioritise the most useful, and suggest any others that they would find useful.</p> <p>The options favoured by the LGRG were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oral health in Local authorities • Vaccination • Older people & physical activity • Excess winter deaths • Child attachment • Combined prevention of diabetes and obesity Briefing • Musculo skeletal health • Health and housing • Health and social care all system linkage • Community safety • Adult mental health services • Children’s mental health services <p>There were suggestions to potentially change the focus to types of audience rather than directly derivative eg.transport planning.</p> <p>Action – NICE to add an item to next LGRG meeting for further consideration of the future Briefing topics</p>	<p>NICE</p>
<p>8. Minutes of the last meeting</p>	<p>The minutes of LGRG 18 were accepted as an accurate record of the meeting and were approved</p>	
<p>9. AOB</p> <p>Key Dates</p>	<p>Kay Nolan advised that on 21st January 2015 NICE will publish an update to the Tobacco local government briefing (LGB1). The update includes additional information from NICE guidelines and quality standards on smoking published since June 2012. However, since most of the content is the same as the original (with some updated links and statistics), it was decided this was a minor technical update and did not require input from the LGRG.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preventing premature mortality Briefing to publish on 20th February 2015 • Midlife approaches to preventing dementia Briefing to publish on 11th March 2015 • Nalmefene Briefing to publish on 13th March 2015 	

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	The LGRG members were reminded that NICE will only process expenses that are submitted within 3 months of the date incurred.	
Close	The meeting closed at 12:45	

Next meeting of the Local Government External reference group: Friday 20th March 2015, 10am, NICE, Level 1a, City Tower, Piccadilly Plaza, Manchester, M1 4BD