National Collaborating Centre for Chronic Conditions
at the Royal College of Physicians

Minutes (PAPER X, UNCONFIRMED)

Alcohol use disorders — clinical management
Guideline Development Group (GDG) 8
Meeting
11.00–15.45, Tuesday 10 March 2009

Held at The Royal College of Physicians, St Andrews Place, Regent's Park,
London, NW1 4LE

Present:
GDG members:
Anthony Rudd  GDG chair
Stephen Stewart  GDG clinical advisor
Adam Bakker  GP representative
Adrian Boyle  Emergency medicine representative
Joss Bray  Substance misuse representative
Olivier Van den Broucke  Child and adolescent psychiatry representative
Annabelle Bundle  Paediatric care representative
Eilish Gilvarry  Psychiatry representative
Georgina Kirwin  NCC-CC research fellow
Philippe Laramee  NCC-CC health economist
Sharon Swain  NCC-CC research fellow
Alison Richards  NCC-CC information Scientist
Anne McCune  Gastroenterology representative
Marsha Morgan  Hepatology representative
John Morris  NCC-CC project manager (deputising for Taryn Krause)
Gerri Mortimore  Hepatology nurse representative
Lynn Owens  Detoxification nursing representative
Stephen Pereira  Hepatology and gastroenterology representative
Robin Touquet  Emergency medicine representative

Invited expert:
Allan Thomson  Wernicke's encephalopathy specialist

Observers:
Colin Drummond  Alcohol dependence and harmful alcohol use GDG chair
David Wonderling  NCC health economist

Apologies:
(from GDG members)
Taryn Krause  NCC-CC project manager
Colin Standfield  Service user/carer member
(from GDG non-members)
Bernard Higgins  NCC director
1 Welcome, apologies and declarations of interest

Anthony Rudd welcomed those present at the meeting and the above apologies were noted. The declarations of interest register had been made available to the GDG chair. The chair requested updates to the existing declarations of interests from GDG members; no new declarations were received. The chair reviewed the previous declarations of interest and deemed that none was in conflict with the agenda topics and clinical questions under discussion at the meeting.

2 Evidence and recommendations from GDG7 review questions

The evidence and recommendations for the following review questions from GDG7 were reviewed and revised:

- Pancreatic enzymes
- Pancreatic surgery
The GDG also discussed the evidence from which data could be drawn for health economics modelling of pancreatic surgery.

3 Review questions for GDG8

The clinical and cost-effectiveness evidence was discussed and recommendations drafted for the following review questions:

- Prophylactic antibiotics for acute pancreatitis
- Prevention and treatment for Wernicke’s encephalopathy

4 Health economic modelling of acute alcohol withdrawal

GDG members made some observations on the assessment regime to improve the health economic calculations.

5 Any other business

Two GDG members reported on their involvement with the alcohol public health GDG.

6 Next meeting

The ninth GDG development meeting (GDG9) will be held at the Royal College of Physicians, 11.00–16.30, 21 April 2009.