

Date and Time: 3rd & 4th September 2009

Minutes:

Guideline Development Group Meeting

Place: Level 1A
City Tower
Piccadilly Plaza
Manchester
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Present Damien Longson (Chair) (DE)
Laurence Lovat
Ricky Forbes-Young (Day 2 only)
Robert Mason
Janusz Jankowski (Day 1 only)
Pradeep Bhandari
David Poller
Andrea Nicholls
Mimi McCord

NICE Staff

Michael Heath (MH)
Beth Shaw (EJS)
Prashanth Kandaswamy (PK)
Hanna Lewin (HL)
Mark Baker (Day 1 only)
Tarang Sharma (TS)
Edward Mwarangu (Observer) (Day 2 only)
Alfred Sackyfio (Observer)
Jenni Gray (Day 1 only) (JG)
Faisal Siddiqui (Observer)
Vicky Kelly (Observer)

Apologies Hugh Barr
Ricky Forbes-Young (Day 1 only)
Janusz Jankowski (Day 2 only)
Kathryn Chamberlain (KC)

Thursday 3rd September 2009

1.1 Agenda item 1: Introductions, Objectives, DoI, Minutes of last meeting & Review of GDG 1

DL welcomed the group and all GDG members and NICE staff introduced themselves. Apologies were received by Hugh Barr. DL went through the objectives for the day and asked all present to update the group on any additional DoIs. There were no additional

Dols. The GDG agreed the minutes of the last meeting as an accurate account of the meeting.

1.2 Agenda item 2: Overview of GRADE methodology

EJS updated the group on progress made since the last meeting of this group and gave an in depth overview of GRADE.

1.3 Agenda item 3: Editor

JG gave a presentation outlining the role of the lead editor working on this guideline. JG went on to introduce the products NICE produce for each guideline and what the editors role in the development of a guideline is.

1.4 Agenda item 4: Care Pathway

The GDG discussed the care pathway and suggested a number of simplifications to the draft to enhance clarity.

1.5 Agenda item 5: Key Clinical Questions

EJS explained the changes to the key clinical questions as requested at the 1st meeting of this GDG.

1.6 Agenda item 6: Search Strategy

HL went through the updated searches and those terms that have now been included within the searches. The group agreed with the inclusion and exclusion criteria.

1.7 Agenda Item 7: Presentation of the evidence (EMR)

EJS went through the evidence for EMR and the GDG went on to discuss the studies included and the associated GRADE tables.

1.8 Agenda item 8: Discussion of the evidence & agree evidence statements (EMR)

The GDG made a number of evidence statements relating to the evidence reviewed.

Friday 4th September 2009

2.1 Agenda item 1: Review of Day 1

DL welcomed the group and introduced attendees who had not been present the previous day.

2.2 Agenda item 2: Update on Interventional procedures

EJS updated the GDG on the IPs and confirmed it is likely we will have to delay the publication of this guideline. KC will be in contact with GDG members to arrange new dates for the GDG meetings.

2.3 Agenda item 3: Presentation of the evidence (Ablative therapies as a whole)

TS presented the evidence for ablative therapies and the group went on to discuss grading of the studies included.

2.4 Agenda item 4: Discussion of the evidence & agree evidence statements (Ablative therapies as a whole)

The GDG went on to make a number of evidence statement based on the evidence reviewed.

2.5 Agenda item 5: Draft Recommendations

The GDG made a number of recommendations based on the evidence reviewed to date.

2.6 Agenda item 6: Conference Abstracts

EJS gave a brief presentation of the conference abstracts.

2.7 Health Economics

PK introduced health economics and summarised some of the key principles and went on to present the evidence available for this model. The GDG provided information to help inform the model.

2.8 Next steps

DL outlined what will be covered at the next meeting of this GDG.

DL closed the meeting.