

Autism Spectrum Conditions Guideline Development Group Meeting

Date and Time: Tuesday 27 July 2010, 10.30am – 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 (Chair) (SBC)
Steve Pilling (facilitator) (SP)
Gillian Baird (GB)
Juli Crocombe (JC)
Peter Carpenter (PC)
Jackie Dziewanowska (JD)
Patricia Howlin (PH)
Annie Jones (AJ)
Campbell Main (CM)
Melissa McAuliffe (MMc)
Richard Mills (RM)
Joan Panton (JP)
Maggi Rigg (MR)

Experts

None

In attendance:
NCCMH Staff: Amina Udechuku (AUd)
Naomi Glover (NG)
Ifigeneia Mavranezouli (IM)
Katherine Leggett (KL)
Sarah Stockton (SS)

NICE staff: Caroline Keir (CK)
Barbara Meredith (BM)

Observers: None

Notes

1. SBC welcomed the group and all members introduced themselves. Apologies were received from Anya Ustaszewski.
2. All members declared their interests and submitted their declaration of interest forms.
3. The chair highlighted the aims of the day, which were for the group to understand the process for producing guidelines, the importance of health economics and to advise on the clinical questions.
4. SP, Director of the National Collaborating Centre for Mental Health gave a presentation introducing the work of the NCCMH and how it can support the development of this guideline.
5. CK, Guideline Commissioning Manager for NICE, gave a presentation outlining how this guideline fits within the overall work NICE do.
6. BM gave a presentation regarding the involvement of service users and carers in the guideline development. She highlighted the importance of service user and carer members of the group to develop a relevant and well rounded guideline.
7. SP gave a presentation regarding the scope.
8. AUd, Systematic Reviewer for NCCMH, gave a presentation introducing the group to systematic reviews and meta analysis.
9. SS, Senior Information Scientist for NCCMH, gave a presentation regarding search terms and how evidence will be identified for this guideline.
10. IM, Health Economist for NCCMH, gave an overview of health economics. GDG members were encouraged to attend the NICE health economics training day.
11. The group commented on the draft clinical questions presented by AUd.
12. The GDG suggested marker papers for the literature searches.
13. Next meeting: 10.30am-4pm, 2 September 2010.