

## Autism Spectrum Conditions Guideline Development Group Meeting

**Date and Time:** Tuesday 31 January 2012, 10.30am – 4pm

**Minutes:** Confirmed

**Place:** The Royal College of Psychiatrists'  
6<sup>th</sup> Floor Standon House  
21 Mansell Street  
London  
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**Present:** **GDG members**  
Simon Baron-Cohen (SBC)  
Steve Pilling (facilitator) (SP)  
Gillian Baird (GB)  
Carole Buckley (CB)  
Peter Carpenter (PC)  
Jackie Dziewanowska (JD)  
Marga Hogenboom (MH)  
Campbell Main (CM)  
Melissa McAuliffe (MMc)  
Annie Foster-Jones (AFJ)  
Joan Panton (JP)  
Juli Crocombe (JC)  
Patricia Howlin (PH)  
Richard Mills (RM)  
Anya Ustazewski (AU)

**Experts**

None

**In attendance:**  
NCCMH Staff: Odette Megnin (OM)  
Rachael Lee (RL)  
Ifigeneia Mavranezouli (IM)  
Clare Taylor (CT)  
Nadir Cheema (NC)  
Katherine Leggett (KL)

NICE staff Caroline Keir (CK)  
Alexa Biesty (AB)

Observers: None

## Notes

1. Apologies were received from Maggi Rigg.
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. AB presented the implementation activities and discussed with the GDG the potential barriers to implementation.
6. The GDG discussed the general themes from the stakeholder consultation and agreed the changes to be made to the guideline.
7. Tasks to review and respond to the stakeholder comments were assigned.
8. The chair thanked the group and NCCMH team for their hard work in developing the guideline.