National Institute for Health & Clinical Excellence

Sickle Cell

Fourth (final) Guideline Development Group (GDG) meeting

Wednesday 21st March 2012 Level 1A, City Tower, Piccadilly Plaza, Manchester, M1 4BD

GROUP MEMBERSHIP

In Attendance	
GDG Members	
Damien Longson (DL) (Chair)	Hellen Adom
Michele Afif	Kofi Anie
Brigitta Brandner	Jo Howard
Russell Keenan	Kate Ryan
Louise Smith	Sekayi Tanganyi
NICE Staff	
Emma Banks (EB)	Mendwas Dzingina (MD)
Michael Heath (MH)	Victoria Gillis (VG)
Dylan Jones (DJ)	Lyn Knott (LK)
Gabriel Rogers (GR)	Rachel Ryle (RR)
Abitha Senthinathan (AS)	Gary Shields (GS)
Denise Woods (DW)	
Apologies:	
Asa'ah Nkohkwo	

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

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1.1 Agenda item 1:

Objectives

Apologies were received from Asa'ah Nkohkwo. DL set out the objectives for the day. The group would discuss the stakeholder comments, where necessary decide on a response and agree any areas where the recommendations would need to be amended.

Declarations of Interest

None declared

Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes were agreed as an accurate account of the meeting.

1.2 Agenda item 2: Health Economics

MD provided an overview of the Health Economics to date and requested further information from the GDG in order to complete the analysis.

1.3 Agenda item 3: Stakeholder consultation - key themes.

AS presented the comments and themes that emerged from the stakeholder consultation. The group discussed the comments alongside the recommendations, making appropriate amendments to the recommendations, where necessary.

1.4 Agenda item 4: Implementation & Costing

GS provided an overview of the aim of the costing tool and cost impact of implementing the guideline. The group discussed which recommendations would involve a significant cost or saving for local organisations as a result of a change in current practice.

DW discussed with the group what should be included in the Educational package that will be produced to support the implementation of the recommendation about training for healthcare professionals.

1.5 Agenda item 5: Next steps

EB discussed the timelines and the next steps for the guideline. Following the meeting the technical team will write responses to the stakeholder, and finalise the recommendations. These will be sent to the GDG. The guideline would then go through a quality assurance process to ensure that all stakeholder comments had been responded to fully and appropriately and that any changes agreed in the response were reflected in the guideline. The guideline will be published on 27th June 2012.

1.6 Agenda item 6: Health Economics

MD presented the outcomes of the model with the additional data provided in the morning session. The group discussed the findings.

1.7 Agenda item 7: AOB & Close of meeting

There was no other business. DL closed the meeting and thanked the group for their contribution.