

# **National Collaborating Centre for Women's and Children's Health**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Feverish Illness in Children Guideline Development Group Meeting  
8<sup>th</sup> March 2012, 10am – 4.30pm at RCOG**

**Present:**

Richard Bowker (RB)	Consultant Paediatrician
John Crimmins (JC)	General Practitioner
Penny McDougall (PMD)	Nurse
Debra Quantrill (DQ)	Lay member
Martin Richardson (MR)	Chair
Andrew Riordan (AR)	Paediatric infectious diseases expert
Damian Roland (DR)	Emergency medicine expert
Leah Bowen (LB)	Lay member
Ed Pursell (EP)	Nurse

**NCC staff:**

Jiri Chard (JAC)	Senior Research Fellow
Hannah Rose Douglas (HRD)	Senior Health Economist
Ella Fields (EF)	Research Fellow
Stephen Murphy (SM)	Clinical Co-Director (Children's Health)
Nitara Prasannan (NP)	Research Assistant
Cristina Visintin (CV)	Project Manager

**In attendance:**

Ben Doak (BD)	Guideline Commissioning Manager, NICE
Sarah Catchpole (SC)	Senior Medical Editor, NICE

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## **1. Welcome, housekeeping, introductions and apologies**

MR welcomed everyone to the meeting.

MR asked the group for any new declarations of interest. No new declarations of interest were received from the GDG members. It was agreed that no existing declared interests warranted exclusion of any GDG members from discussions of evidence or formulation of recommendations being discussed at the meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted with minor corrections as an accurate record of that meeting.

MR briefed the group on the objectives of the current meeting.

## **2. The role of the NICE editor**

SC described the role of the NICE editorial team. During the presentation the group had an opportunity to ask questions.

### **3. Origins of the Traffic Light Table**

*RB joined the meeting*

MR gave a presentation on the purpose and development of the traffic light system included in the 2007 guideline, and why we are looking to update it.

*JAC joined the meeting*

### **4. Predictive value of symptoms and signs, alone or in combination, as initial indications of serious illness**

EF and DR presented the evidence for the predictive value of symptoms and signs, alone or in combination, as initial indications of serious illness. EF explained that for this meeting this would focus on the symptoms and signs already included in the 2007 guideline traffic light system. During the presentations the group had an opportunity to ask questions.

On the basis of the evidence presented the GDG drafted recommendations

### **Break**

*PMD joined the meeting*

EF and DR continued the presentation of the evidence for the predictive value of symptoms and signs, alone or in combination, as initial indications of serious illness. The GDG drafted recommendations in relation to the signs and symptoms included in the 2007 traffic light system.

### **Lunch break**

*SC left the meeting*

The GDG continued the discussion on the evidence for the predictive value of symptoms and signs, alone or in combination, and agreed recommendations.

### **Break**

*HRD left the meeting*

The GDG continued the discussion on the evidence for the predictive value of symptoms and signs, alone or in combination, and agreed recommendations .

### **5. Next steps**

JAC explained to the GDG which review questions would be considered at the GDG meeting in April 2012.

### **6. Any other business**

There was no other business. MR thanked the participants for attending and closed the meeting. The next meeting will be held on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2012 at the RCOG.

**Signed:..... Date:.....**  
**Martin Richardson, GDG Chair**

**Signed:..... Date:.....**  
**Stephen Murphy, Clinical Co-Director (Children's Health)**