

MINUTES

Rehabilitation after Stroke – GDG Meeting 4
Location: Royal College of Physicians, the Sloane Room
13th October, 2010

<u>Present</u>			
<u>GDG</u>		<u>NCGC</u>	
Diane Playford	DP	Gill Ritchie	GR
Avril Drummond	AD	Tamara Diaz	TD
Anne Forster	AF	Antonia Morga	AM
Sandra Chambers	SC	Serena Carville	SC
Pamela Holmes (SCIE Rep)	PH	Jonathan Nyong	JN
Martin Bird	MB	Ralph Hughes	RH
Robin Cant	RC	Lina Gulhane (PM)	LG
Keith MacDermott	KM		
Sue Thelwell	ST	<u>NICE</u>	
Khalid Ali	KA	Claire Turner	CT
Louise Clark	LC	Anthony Gildea (observer)	AG
Kathryn Head	KH		
Carole Pound (Cooptee)	CP		

1. Introduction

1.1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed Mr. Anthony Gildea and Ms. Claire Turner from NICE. The GDG was introduced to Jonathan Nyong the new research fellow who would be working on this guideline and Ralph Hughes, Health economist who would present evidence for this meeting only. Formal apologies were received from Helen Hunter, Najma Khan-Bourne and Rory O'Connor.

1.2. Declarations of Interest.

DP declared that she was a trustee of the organisation Speakability. CP declared that she had some occasional consultancy work with Connect and NHS Stroke Services.

1.3. GDG 3 Minutes

Pending the following amendment, the GDG accepted the minutes as a true reflection of the meeting's events:

1.3.1. The list of attendees to be amended to include Kathryn Head.

1.4. GDG 3 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from GDG Meeting 3.

2. Overview of the Agenda

The Chair provided an overview of the meeting agenda, during which evidence reviews on speech and language rehabilitation therapies would be presented. Health Economic priorities will be highlighted for the GDG and the GDG will discuss and reach agreement on clinical questions.

3. Evidence Reviews: Speech and Language Interventions

3.1. In people after stroke with communication difficulties what is the clinical and cost-effectiveness of intensive speech therapy versus standard speech therapy

Clinical and Economic evidence was presented for the GDG's consideration and these were discussed and draft recommendations completed.

3.2. What listener advice skills/information would help family members/carers improve communication in people with aphasia after stroke.

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4. Health Economic Considerations

4.1. Economic Plan

An update on the Economic plan was presented and the GDG was advised that the plan will be submitted to NICE for approval.

4.2. Next steps - Building decision models

The HE delivered a presentation on building decision models.

4.3. Economic Sub-Group

AM explained the role of the economic sub-group and advised that the GDG will be contacted via email to request volunteers.

5. Clinical Questions and Search protocols

5.1. Review Protocols

The GDG discussed and agreed on the protocols for clinical questions regarding the following rehabilitation areas:

5.1.1. Functional Electrical Stimulation

5.1.2. Eye Movement Therapy

5.1.3. Orthoses for prevention of loss of range of upper limb

5.1.4. Ankle/foot orthoses of all types to improve working function.

6. Close

There being no further business the meeting ended at 3:30 p.m. The next GDG meeting will take place on 24th November, 2010 at the National Clinical Guidelines Centre's offices located at 180 Great Portland Street, from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.