

Date and Time: 23rd November 10:00-16:00

Minutes: Confirmed

Multiple Sclerosis GDG Meeting 3

Place: NCGC Boardroom, 180 Great Portland Street, London, W1W 5QZ

Present: GDG

1. Paul Cooper (Chair)	PC
2. Jeremy Chataway	JC
3. Peter Brex	PB
4. Wendy Hendrie	WH
5. Susan Hourihan	SH
6. Pamela Bostock	PAB
7. Noreen Barker	NB
8. Richard Warner	RW
9. Aleks de Gromoboy	ADG
10. Ann Hodgson	AH
11. Emma Rowe	ER

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12. Norma O'Flynn	NOF
13. Sharon Swain	SS
14. Mark Perry	MP
15. Lola Adedokun	LA
16. Amy Kelsey	AK
17. Lina Gulhane – presents for note 8	LG
18. Krishna Chinthapalli	KC

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19. Clifford Middleton	CM
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Apologies

20. David Kernick	DK
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Notes

1. The Chair welcomed the group to the Multiple Sclerosis Guideline Development Group

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(GDG) meeting 3. Apologies were received from David Kernick. The Chair then briefed the group on the meetings objectives.

2. The Chair asked the GDG to declare any personal specific, personal non-specific, non-personal specific or non-personal non-specific interests

PC declared the following personal non-pecuniary interest: he is collaborating on a joint research project funded by Medtronic.

All other GDG members had no change in their previous declarations.

3. The Chair introduced Peter Brex and Jeremy Chataway, GDG members, who gave a presentation on the diagnostic criteria for Multiple Sclerosis in current practice to the GDG. PB and JC then took questions from the group. The Chair thanked PB and JC for their presentation.
4. The Chair then introduced Sharon Swain, NCGC Senior Research Fellow, who gave a presentation on making recommendations about diagnosis to the GDG. SS then took questions from the group. The Chair thanked SS for her presentation.
5. The GDG then discussed the information presented and made some draft recommendations.
6. The Chair then introduced Mark Perry, NCGC Research Fellow, who gave a presentation on the information, education and support needs for adults with MS. MP then took questions from the group. The Chair thanked MP for his presentation.
7. The Chair then introduced Lola Adedokun, NCGC Health Economist, who presented the final draft of the economic plan to the GDG.
8. MP and SS then led discussion with the GDG on the research protocols for 2 clinical questions. The following research protocol was agreed and signed off by the group:
 - For adults with MS and their carers, what process of care has been proposed to improve coordination of care and other health outcomes?
9. The following research protocol was drafted by the GDG. Further work will be done on this once a co-opted ophthalmologist has been recruited:
 - For adults with MS, what is the clinical evidence and cost effectiveness of pharmacological treatment of oscillopsia?
10. The GDG agreed that a co-optee ophthalmologist should be recruited and involved when discussing the nystagmus review.
11. There was no other business to discuss. The Chair closed the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

Date, time and venue of the next meeting

12. Friday 11th January 2012, 10:00-16:00, NCGC Boardroom, 180 Great Portland Street, London, W1W 5QZ.