

**NATIONAL COLLABORATING CENTRE FOR CANCER (NCC-C)**

**Advanced Breast Cancer**

**Twelfth Guidance Development Group (GDG) meeting**  
on Friday 11 April 2008, Conwy Room, NICE, London

**ATTENDEES:**

<b>GDG Members</b>	
Mr John Winstanley (Chair) (JW)	Dr Nick Murray (Lead Clinician) (NM)
Dr Murray Brunt (MB)	Mrs Susan Raettig (SR)
Dr Helen Burrell (HB)	Miss Jane Rankin (JR)
Mrs Debbie Collins (DC)	Miss Anna Wood (AW)
Dr Chris Gaffney (CG)	Mrs Netta Wooles (NW)
Mrs Kathleen Jenkins (KJ)	
<b>NCC-C and affiliated staff</b>	
Dr Fergus Macbeth (FM)	Dr Karen Francis (KF)
Dr Andrew Champion (AC)	Sarah Willis (SWi)
Angela Bennett (AB)	Raquel Aguiar-Ibanez (RAI)
<b>NICE/PIU staff</b>	
Mr Francis Ruiz (FR)	
<b>Apologies:</b>	
Dr Susan Closs (SC)	Mrs Claire Ryan (CR)
Dr Dermott Davison (DD)	Elise Collins (EC)
Ms Nicole Elliott (NE)	

**REPORT OF DISCUSSIONS AT THE MEETING**

**1 Welcome and apologies**

JW welcomed everyone to the 12th meeting of the Advanced Breast Cancer GDG. Apologies were received from Claire Ryan, Nicole Elliott, Dermott Davison and Sue Closs (joining the meeting by teleconference for agenda item 4).

JW noted that SW has stood down from the position of Chair. On behalf of the group he thanked SW for the work she has done so far and wished her well for the future. FM noted that JW has agreed to take on the role of Chair for the remainder of the guideline development process.

JW informed the group that AW has recently changed jobs and consequently will be standing down from the GDG after the meeting in May. The group thanked AW for her contribution to the guideline.

JW also noted that DD has started an MSc in Clinical and Theoretical Psychoanalytical Psychotherapy and therefore will be unable to attend any future GDG meetings. DD has said that he is happy to contribute to the development of the guideline by email, so will continue to receive all paperwork and comment on drafts etc. JW formally thanked DD for his contribution to the guideline so far.

**2 Declarations of interest**

NM declared that he had received reimbursement of travel expenses and accommodation from Roche for attending an academic meeting on bone disease. This interest was

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categorised as personal pecuniary non-specific because the expenses were not beyond reasonable amounts, meaning that NM can continue to participate in GDG discussions.

HB declared that she had attended a meeting run by AstraZeneca where current topics in breast cancer were discussed. AstraZeneca reimbursed travel expenses and accommodation. This interest was categorised as personal pecuniary non-specific since the reimbursement was not beyond reasonable amounts, meaning that HB can continue to participate in GDG discussions.

No other interests were declared.

### **3 Minutes of the last GDG meeting on 19 February 2008**

The minutes of the last GDG meeting were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

### **4 Discussion**

The clinical evidence for topic 22 and 2 expert position papers were presented to the GDG along with draft recommendations. The GDG discussed the evidence and agreed changes to the draft recommendations.

The clinical evidence for topic 4 was presented to the GDG along with draft recommendations. The GDG discussed the evidence and agreed changes to the draft recommendations.

The remaining part of the health economic analysis for topics 5, 6 & 7 was presented and discussed. The GDG agreed to postpone further discussion of the draft recommendations for topics 5, 6 & 7 until the assumptions in the economic analysis had been checked.

The GDG agreed to postpone further discussion of the the draft recommendations for topic 10 until the assumptions in the economic analysis for topics 5, 6 & 7 had been checked.

The health economic analysis for topics 15 & 16a was presented to the GDG and discussed. It was agreed that the cost effectiveness of a more commonly used combination of drugs needed to be included before final recommendations were agreed.

### **5 Close of meeting**

JW thanked members for their input to the meeting, reminded them that the next meeting would be on Tuesday 27 & Wednesday 28 May, starting at 10.45am in the Board Room, NCCC, Cardiff and closed the meeting.