

Depression update Guideline Development Group Meeting

Date and Time: Wednesday 2nd April, 10.30am – 4pm

Minutes: Confirmed

Place: The Royal College of Psychiatrists' Research and Training Unit
6th Floor Standon House
21 Mansell Street
London
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Present: **GDG members**
Ian Anderson (IA)
Alison Barnes (AB)
Carolyn Chew-Graham (CC-G)
Jeremy Clarke (JC)
Catherine Harris (CH)
Mark Kenwright (MK)
Glyn Lewis (GL)
Brendan Masterson (BM)
Alan Meudell (AM)
Alex Mitchell (AMt)
Richard Moore (RM)
Carol Paton (CP)
Tom Shackleton (TS)
Jane Wood (JW)

In attendance:
NCCMH Staff: Rachel Burbeck (RB)
Angela Lewis (AL)
Suffiya Omarjee (SO)
Steve Pilling (SP)
Beth Shackleton (BS)

NICE staff None

Observers: None

Notes:

1. IA welcomed the group to the sixth meeting of this GDG. SO the new Health Economist at the NCCMH was introduced to the group. Apologies were received from Willem Kuyken (all day), Jeremy Clarke (until 11am) and SP (until 11am)
2. The Chair asked all GDG members to declare any new relevant conflicts of interest.

IA, AB, RB, CC-G, JC, MK,AL. GL, BM, AM, SO, AMT, RM,SP, BS, TS, JW all declared that they knew of no new personal specific, personal non-specific, non-personal specific or non-personal non-specific interest in the development of this guideline.

CH declared a personal pecuniary interest as she has been appointed to serve as a local commissioner of the Mental Health Act (as of 01.04.08)

CP declared a personal non-pecuniary interest as she has accepted an invitation to co-author a paper that will describe the clinical use of depot anti-psychotics in the UK. The paper will be published in a supplement to the BJPpsych. The supplement is funded by Eli Lilly – who have no influence over the content. CP is receiving no payment of any sort.

3. Business matters: there was a type error in the last minutes which will be amended after this the minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a true and accurate account of the meeting. Matters arising were discussed. The service user and carer representatives raised the issue of the effects of employment on 'recovery' in mental health, with relation to the recent Sainsbury Centre for Mental Health report. GL is sending the recent DWP reports on this issue round to the group to consider. The representatives were also concerned that sexual dysfunction may be overlooked – this will be looked at as a side-effect within the psychology topic group.
4. The group planned the next few meetings and topic groups and explained how the topic groups would work and feedback to the full GDG.
5. GDG went through the guideline writing plan and removed, edited sections and clarified which sections would and would not be updated.
6. The paper outlining classification and severity of depression was presented in its revised form to the GDG.

The group is going to send their final comments on this paper to RB/BS. It was decided to have a separate paper on clinical significance rather than trying to include it in this paper.

The group thinks it is a good idea to try and get this paper published in an editorial in order to set out our position.

7. The pharmacology, psychology and service topic groups all met during the afternoon.
8. Date, time and venue of the next meeting: Pharmacology Topic group only Wednesday 30th April, 11am – 3pm, Royal College of Psychiatrists' Research and Training Unit, Aldgate, London