

Stroke rehabilitation (update) Guideline Committee meeting 7

Date: 12/11/2021

Location: Remote meeting

Minutes: Final

Committee members present:	
Jon Brown (Chair)	Present for notes 1 – 4
Elizabeth Warburton (Topic adviser)	Present for notes 1 – 4
Khalid Ali	Present for notes 1 – 4
Jacqueline Benfield	Present for notes 1 – 4
Mark Cadman	Present for notes 1 – 4
Catherine Ford	Present for notes 1 – 4
Richard Francis	Present for notes 1 – 4
Jeanette Grocott	Present for notes 1 – 4
David Hearnden (Co-opted member)	Present for notes 1 – 4
Stephen Hill	Present for notes 1 – 4
Chandrika Kaviraj	Present for notes 1 – 4
Nicola Moran	Present for notes 1 – 4
Rebeca Palmer	Present for notes 1 – 4
Sarah Paterson	Present for notes 1 – 4
Eugene Tang	Present for notes 1 – 4
Elizabeth Taylor	Present for notes 1 – 4
Kaye Wood	Present for notes 1 – 4

In attendance:		
Jessica Fielding	Public Involvement Advisor, NICE	Present for notes 1 – 4
Rupert Franklin	Senior Guidelines Commissioning Manager, NICE	Present for notes 1 – 4
Bernard Higgins	Clinical Director & Guideline Lead, NGC	Present for notes 1 – 4
Kate Lovibond	Health Economics Lead, NGC	Present for notes 1 – 4

Ian Mather	Business Analysis – Resource Impact Assessment, NICE	Present for notes 3 – 4
Nancy Pursey	Senior Project Manager, NGC	Present for notes 1 – 4
Toby Sands	Research Fellow, NGC	Present for notes 1 – 4
Claire Sloan	Health Economist, NGC	Present for notes 1 – 4
George Wood	Senior Research Fellow, NGC	Present for notes 1 – 4
Madelaine Zucker	Research Fellow, NGC	Present for notes 1 – 4

Apologies:

Sara Ajina	Committee member
Joseph Runicles	Information Specialist, NGC

1. Welcome, introductions and objectives for the meeting

The Chair welcomed the Committee members and attendees to the seventh meeting of the Stroke rehabilitation (update) committee.

The Chair informed the Committee that apologies had been received. These are noted above.

The Chair outlined the objectives of the meeting, which included: review evidence for intensity of rehabilitation.

2. Confirmation of matter under discussion, and declarations of interest

The Chair confirmed that, for the purpose of managing conflicts of interest, the matter under discussion was intensity of rehabilitation.

The Chair asked everyone to verbally declare any interests that have arisen since the previous meeting.

NM declared that she had attended an online webinar hosted by Allergan on 7 October. NM declared that she will attend training provided by Allergan on ultrasound scanning. NM can declare and participate.

KA declared he had delivered a talk for World Stroke Day at his hospital which was attended by the Mayor. Sussex County Hospital has been selected as the mayor's charity of interest. This does not need to be declared on the register.

SP, JBe and NM have been invited to participate in the update of the Intercollegiate Stroke Working Party Stroke guideline. RF will raise internally within NICE and

advise on whether there is a conflict and appropriate action.

ETay declared that she was an author of one of the studies included in the intensity of rehabilitation review. RP declared that she was a co-author on two of the studies included in the intensity review. This is a direct non-financial specific interest. RF, BH and JBr discussed the declarations and the NICE conflict of interest policy. It was agreed that ETay and RP could participate in the meeting in full. This was on the basis that there is a large body of evidence for the committee to consider and it is beneficial for committee members to have access to expertise relevant to the topic.

MC declared that he is providing counselling to young people experiencing bereavement due to Covid, which is funded by a grant from a local consortium. MC does not receive any direct payment. MC will check the source of the funding.

The declarations of interest register was reviewed prior to the meeting. The Chair and Guideline Lead noted that the interests declared did not prevent the attendees from fully participating in the meeting.

3. Evidence review: intensity of rehabilitation

GW, MZ and CS presented the clinical and cost effectiveness evidence for intensity of rehabilitation. The committee discussed the evidence and draft recommendations. Draft recommendations were provisional, pending further discussion and results of economic modelling.

4. AOB

Publication timelines

The committee discussed whether it would be possible to publish some sections of the NICE guideline sooner than the planned final publication date of October 2023. RF and BH are discussing this and will update when there are any developments.

Legal implications of NICE guidelines for committee members

A query was raised regarding the legal implications for guideline committee members in the event of a judicial review. RF confirmed that NICE guidelines are owned by NICE, and NICE would be the subject of any judicial review, not individual committee members.

Date of next meeting: 14 December 2021, 1000-1600

Location of next meeting: Remote meeting