Date and Time: 10.30am – 4.00pm 20th May 2014
9.30am – 3.30pm 21st May 2014

Minutes: confirmed

Guideline Development Group Meeting: Tuberculosis

Place: Red Rooms, City Tower
Manchester

Present: Ibrahim Abubakar (IA) (Chair)
Sudy Anaraki (SA)
Christine Bell (CB)
Ann Chapman (AC)
Timothy Collyns (TC)
Francis Drobniewski (FD) (20th only)
Michael Eisenhut (ME)
Andrew Hayward (AH) (21st only)
Mango Hoto (MH)
Uday Katkar (UK)
Amy McConville (AM) (20th only)
Al Story (AS)
Horace Reid (HR)
Bertie Squire (BS)

Apologies: Marc Lipman (ML)

In attendance:

NICE Staff:
Emma Banks (EB)
Ben Doak (BD)
Sue Ellerby (SE)
Michael Heath (MH)
Lucy Hoppe (LH)
Rachel Kettle (RK)
Hugh McGuire (HM)
Gabriel Rogers (GR) (20th only)
Jeremy Shaw (JR) - observing
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1. IA welcomed all to the 11th TB GDG meeting. Apologies were noted and the minutes of the last meeting were agreed as an accurate record. The Chair provided a brief overview of the day highlighting the information that would be discussed.

2. All GDG members were asked to share any new conflicts of interest which have not been previously declared. UK declared a potential conflict which the Chair agreed did not impact on his participation on the group. No other conflicts of interest were declared by the rest of the group or the NICE team.

3. CG presented the Health Economics evidence for the review question which asks apart from culture, what other tests are effective in establishing an accurate diagnosis of active respiratory TB in adults with suspected respiratory TB? He highlighted that the GDG would need to bear in mind applicability and limitations when discussing this evidence. The group then went onto to deliberate the information.

Following this LH presented the clinical evidence for this question. The group were reminded of the review protocol for this question and what sensitivity and specificity data would be useful to identify an effective diagnostic test. The GDG discussed the available evidence for each test in turn noting the varied quality of the evidence as a whole.

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4. IA provided a recap of day 1 and outlined the objectives for day 2.

5. LH presented the evidence for the clinical review question which asks apart from culture, what other tests are effective in establishing an accurate diagnosis of active respiratory TB in children and young people with suspected respiratory TB? The group again discussed the evidence for each test in turn and provided their clinical input and experience highlighting a diagnosis would not simply be based on one test but a variety of clinical factors.

6. The group went on to draft some recommendations for adults, young people and children with overarching recommendations for all. It was agreed these draft recommendations would be revisited once more analysis of the data had been done.

7. LH led the group in a discussion on the recommendations from CG117 that will be affected by the Update. The group’s thoughts and feedback was noted.

8. IA provided a summary of the two days and thanked all for their attendance and input.

Date, time and venue of the next meeting
10am – 23rd and 24th June 2014