

**Date and Time:** Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2014

**Guideline Development Group Meeting 4 – Low back pain**

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

**Present:**

**GDG members**

Stephen Ward (SW) - Chair  
Babak Arvin (BA) - Neurosurgeon  
Ian Bernstein (IB) - General Practitioner  
Patrick Hill (PH) - Consultant Clinical Psychologist  
Gary MacFarlane (GM) - Chair (clinical) epidemiology  
Wendy Menon (WM) - Patient/ Carer member  
Neil O’Connell (NOC) – Physiotherapist  
Philip Sell (PS) - Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon  
Simon Somerville (SS) - General Practitioner  
Helen Taylor (HT) - Nurse Specialist  
Steven Vogel (SV) – Osteopath  
Chris Wells (CW) - Consultant in Pain Medicine  
Jens Foell (JF), Co-optee Acupuncturist

**NCGC**

Serena Carville (SCa) – Associate Director  
Saskia Cheyne (SCh) – Project Manager  
Lina Gulhane (PM) – Joint Head Information Science  
Rhosyn Harris (RH) – Research Fellow  
Kate Lovibond (KL) – Senior Health Economist  
Qudsia Malik (QM) – Research Fellow

**Apologies:**

Sophia Kemmis Betty (SKB) – Health Economist  
Paul Miller (PM) – Senior Information Scientist  
Mark Mason (MM) - Patient/Carer member  
Ben Pordes (BP) – Project Manager  
Silvia Rabar (SR) – Senior Research Fellow  
David Walsh (DW) - Honorary Consultant Rheumatologist

**In attendance:**

<b>NICE Staff:</b> Ben Doak (BD)		
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## Notes

### **1. Introduction, apologies and minutes**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the fourth meeting of the low back pain guideline development group and apologies were noted from SKB, PM, MM, BP, SR, DW. NO declared the personal non-pecuniary interest that he will be co-author on a Cochrane review examining the effectiveness of TENS on neuropathic pain. IB declared that he worked as a medical officer at two rowing events, where he received expenses, and was appointed to the NICE QSAC for Osteoarthritis who will pay his expenses for attendance at their meetings. All declarations were agreed as not requiring further action.

The minutes from GDG 3 were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting.

### **2. Declaration of interest**

All GDG members were reminded of the need to update their declarations of interest. All were agreed as 'declare and participate'

### **3. Clinical and economic evidence review: Acupuncture**

RH and KL presented the clinical and economic evidence review for the review question on acupuncture.

### **4. Acupuncture presentation**

The co-opted acupuncturist JF gave a presentation on acupuncture.

### **5. Protocols**

The GDG discussed the draft protocols for the clinical and economic evidence reviews.

### **6. Health economic plan and prioritisation for new economic analysis**

KL presented the draft health economic plan. The GDG discussed the key priorities for new economic analysis.

### **7. Clinical and economic evidence review: Orthotics**

QM and KL presented the clinical and economic evidence review for the review question on orthotics.

### **8. Any other business**

None.

### **Date, time and venue of the next meeting**

Wednesday July 16<sup>th</sup> 2014, 10:00 – 16:00 NCGC office, 180 Great Portland Street, London, W1W 5QZ