

Date and Time: Tuesday 7th April 2015

Minutes: Confirmed

Guideline Development Group Meeting 13 – Low back pain

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

Present:

GDG members

Stephen Ward (SW) – Chair - Consultant in Pain Medicine, Brighton & Sussex University Hospitals NHS trust
Babak Arvin (BA) - Consultant Neurosurgeon, Queens Hospital
Ian Bernstein (IB) - General Practitioner, Gordon House Surgery, London
Gary MacFarlane (GM) - Chair (clinical) in Epidemiology, University of Aberdeen
Mark Mason (MM) - Patient member
Neil O’Connell (NOC) – Lecturer, School of Health Sciences & Social Care Brunel University
Diana Robinson (DR) – Patient member
Philip Sell (PS) - Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon, University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust
Simon Somerville (SS) - General Practitioner, Park Medical Centre, Leek, Staffordshire
Steven Vogel (SV) – Vice Principal (Research), British School of Osteopathy
David Walsh (DW) - Honorary consultant rheumatologist, Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
Chris Wells (CW) - Consultant in Pain Medicine

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Serena Carville (SC) – Associate Director
Sana Khan (SK) – Research Fellow
Bethany King (BK) – Document Editor/Process Assistant
Kate Lovibond (KL) – Health Economic Lead
Qudsia Malik (QM) – Research Fellow
Rachel O’Mahony (ROM) – Senior Research Fellow
Ben Pordes (BP) – Project Manager

Apologies:

Suzanne Blowey (SB) - Consultant Nurse Chronic Pain, Mount Gould Hospital, Plymouth (present for items 1-4 only)
Patrick Hill (PH) - Consultant Clinical Psychologist, Birmingham Community Healthcare NHS Trust
Sophia Kemmis-Betty – Senior Health Economist

In attendance:

NICE Staff:	Louise Shires (LS)	Programme Manager, NICE
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Notes

1. Introduction, apologies and minutes

The Chair welcomed the group to the thirteenth meeting of this GDG. LS and DR were introduced. Apologies were received from PH, SB and SKB.

2. Declaration of interests

The following new declarations of interest were received for this GDG meeting:

GDG Declarations of Interest			
N.B. The Chair and GDG members were recruited to this guideline using NICE DOI policy published Oct 2008.			
Insert initials	Declaration	Classification (as per the NICE DOI policy wording)	Chairs action
PS	<p>Past President Eurospine Invited Faculty Pan araba spine conference talking on TB and safety (Flight and Hotel) April 11,12 Invited faculty Turkish spine society 29 April -3 May, Cervical fractures, evidence based treatment surgical treatment of back pain (flight and hotel)</p> <p>Authored a cohort paper on spine MICD in the JBJS British in March 2015.</p>	Personal non-financial interest	Declare and participate
IB	I have accepted an invitation to lecture at a Royal College of General Practitioners conference in London "City Health, safeguarding the future" on 2nd May 2015. Refreshments and travel expenses will be paid. The lecture is entitled "Hot topics in musculoskeletal medicine" and will cover recent NICE guidelines including CG88 Low Back Pain. The current guideline under development will not be discussed.	Personal non-financial interest	Declare and participate
DW	Chair of workshop session at British Pain Society Annual Scientific Meeting, Glasgow, 23rd April 2015. Workshop entitled: Researching the effectiveness of facet joint injections. As a member of the Scientific Organising Committee I receive complementary registration to this meeting, but no personal payment. There is no payment (either pecuniary or in kind) for chairing this workshop over and above the expenses noted above as a member of the Scientific Organising Committee.	Personal non-financial interest	Declare and participate
SS	I am to co-host a BMJ master class webinar on back pain on 9.4.15 with my colleague Kay Stevenson who is a Consultant Physiotherapist. We will be paid £350 to share between us.	Personal non-specific financial interest	Declare and participate
DR	Has a small shareholding in Reckitt Benckiser (yields less than £1,000 per annum)	Personal specific financial interest	Declare and withdraw from recommendation-making on pharmacology review
CW	Fees received for talks for Grunenthal. To general practitioners (three times) and pain management healthcare professionals (once).	Personal specific financial interest	Declare and continue to withdraw from recommendation-making on pharmacology review

3. Health Economic Evidence: Multidisciplinary biopsychosocial rehabilitation

KL presented the health economic evidence for multidisciplinary biopsychosocial rehabilitation.

4. Evidence report: Spinal injections

SK presented the clinical evidence for spinal injections. KL presented the health economic evidence. The GDG discussed the evidence and began to draft an LETR and recommendations.

5. Health Economic Modelling: Radiofrequency ablation

KL presented an update on the structure of the proposed health economic model. The GDG discussed the structure and provided input into the costing.

6. LETR Workshop

The GDG were divided up into groups to discuss the LETRs that had been drafted so far. Each group presented back to the full group for sign-off of the draft chapters.

7. Any other business

There was no other business.

Date, time and venue of the next meeting

Tuesday 12th May 2015 at Wolfson Conference Centre at the Academy of Medical Sciences, 41 Portland Place, London W1B 1QH