# Final Minutes PDG 5 Alcohol use disorders (prevention) 9th April 2009

**NICE PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAMME GUIDANCE**  
**Alcohol- use disorders (prevention)**  
**6th meeting of the Programme Development Group**  
**Thursday 9th April 2009**

Level 1A, City Tower, Piccadilly Plaza, Manchester M1 4BD

## Final Minutes

| Attendees: | **PDG Members**  
|           | Jane Benanti (JB), John Dervan (JD), Paul Edmondson-Jones (PE), Anne Ludbrook (AL), Harshad Mistri (HM), Paul McArdle (PMc), Trevor McCarthy (TM), Lynn Owens (LO), Patrick Smythe (PS), Ian Treasure (IT).  
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| NICE      | Andrew Hoy (AH), Dylan Jones (DJ), Patricia Mountain (PM), Bhash Naidoo (BN), Linda Sheppard (LS).  
| Contractors - ScHARR | Rachel Jackson (RJ), Robin Purshouse (RP)  

| Apologies: | **PDG Members**  
|           | Vivienne Evans (VE), Jayne Gosnall (JG), Nick Heather (NH), Saud Ishaq (SI), Eileen Kaner (EK), Jim McCambridge (JM), Chris Record (CR), Don Shenker (DS),  
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| NICE Team | James Jagroo (JJ), Antony Morgan (AM).  
| Co- Optees | Peter Anderson  

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| 1    | **Welcome, Introductions and Aims of the Meeting**  
(As the usual Chair, Eileen Kaner was on annual leave, Anne Ludbrook deputised). The Chair welcomed everyone to the sixth meeting. PDG members, NICE staff and contractors introduced themselves to the group and apologies were received.  
The Chair outlined the objectives of the day:  
• To work in groups to revise the recommendations  
• To discuss economic modelling |
| 2    | **Minutes from the previous meeting, Declarations of Interest and matters arising**  
The Chair asked the PDG Members for any accuracy amendments to the minutes of the previous meeting. These minutes were approved. All actions have been completed.  
Members were asked for any new declarations of interests. AL declared a personal non pecuniary interest from presentations and media appearances. There were no other new declarations of interest. The Chair reminded PDG members that the new Declaration of Interest forms for the new financial year were needed and to forward to NICE if they had not already done so. |
| 3    | **Small group work on revising recommendations.**  
As there were fewer PDG numbers than usual, it was agreed that the PDG would have a plenary discussion at this point.  
There was a discussion around the evidence relating to screening tools and whether there is sufficient evidence to recommend specific tools to be used in specific settings and the relative merits of different tools.  
The discussion also addressed the needs of young people and how the needs of a 10 year old differ from those of a teenager. Also the differing needs of those who are cognitively impaired or have other special needs.  
As this discussion was taking place the draft recommendations were altered on screen by NICE. The Chair directed that the PDG should now split into small groups to discuss. |
### 4 Drafting and revision of recommendations in small groups

The PDG divided into two groups, each facilitated by a NICE team member. The groups then fed back to a plenary session.

The NICE team agreed to draft a set of recommendations based on these discussions and send out by email to all of the PDG for comment between the May and July PDG meetings.

### 5 Evidence presentation Modelling Discussion

Rachel Jackson and Robin Purshouse from ScHARR gave a presentation to the PDG to provide a brief overview on the economic modelling done so far on screening and brief interventions, availability and pricing and promotion. The Chair thanked ScHARR and opened the topic for discussion.

**Screening and interventions**

Included as settings were:
- GP registration,
- Next GP appointment
- A&E

Excluded (due to lack of evidence to model) were:
- custody suite,
- Targeted screening and booster sessions. Not enough evidence to model.

The PDG were asked for their input by Wednesday 15th April on the most realistic assumptions:
- Staffing & Durations
- A&E screening instruments

**Availability** – There was a discussion about the modelling that could be done relating to the availability of alcohol. It was agreed that although this is a large piece of work it is necessary and ScHARR agreed to take forward their proposals.

**Pricing and promotion.**

There was a discussion on the various options open to the PDG around the economic modelling of price and promotion. The essence of this discussion would be circulated by e-mail to the PDG and possibly further discussed at the May PDG.
### Next Steps

The Chair explained that volunteers to become Discussants for the PDG on specific areas, for example young people were needed and members who are interested should contact the NICE team. All outstanding DOI forms to be returned by email to Melinda.kay@nice.org.uk or brought to the next PDG meeting.

### Any Other Business

None

The Chair thanked all attendees and closed the meeting at 4pm.

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**DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** Thursday 7th May, Manchester  
**MEETING PAPERS TO BE MAILED:** Monday 27th April 2009