

**NICE GUIDANCE  
HEPATITIS B AND C: WAYS TO OFFER AND PROMOTE  
TESTING**

**4<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Programme Development Group**

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2011**

**Floor 24, City Tower, Manchester**

<b>Attendees:</b>	<i>Programme Development Group (PDG) Members:</i> <b>Matt Hickman (Chair) (arrived at 10.30), Neil Connelly, James Windsor, April Wareham, Will Irving, Danny Morris, Daniela De Angelis, Emily Kam-Yin Lam, Salim Khakoo, Cristina Osorio, Jeremy Jones, Vijay Anand, Erika Duffell, Kate Drysdale (arrived at 14.30),</b>  <i>NICE:</i> <b>Antony Morgan, Kay Nolan, James Jagroo, Alastair Fischer, Victoria Axe, Hilary Chatterton</b>  <i>Contractors:</i> <b>Lisa Jones, Geoff Bates (LJMU), Alec Miners (LSHTM) (arrived at 13.30)</b>
<b>Apologies:</b>	<i>PDG Members:</i> <b>Richard Grieve, Nat Wright, Helen Wilks, Opal Greyson, Kylie Reed, Deirdre Kelly</b>

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Item		Action
<p><b>1. Welcome, Introductions</b></p>	<p>The Chair welcomed the group to the PDG meeting. Due to the late running of Matt Hickman, Will Irving would deliver the role of the chair.</p> <p>The Chair noted that apologies had been given from Richard Grieve, Deirdre Kelly, Nat Wright, Kylie Reed, Helen Wilks and Opal Greyson. It was noted that a couple of committee members were due to arrive late.</p> <p>The Chair welcomed Daniela De Angelis (DDA) to her first PDG meeting. DDA introduced herself to the group.</p> <p>The PDG introduced themselves to the group.</p> <p>The Chair explained the current order of the day.</p>	
<p><b>2. Declarations of Interests and notes of the last meeting</b></p>	<p>The Chair asked if there were any conflicts of interest. Danny Morris declared he had recently given a presentation on Hepatitis C: Access and Screening for service users for Wirral Drug and Alcohol Team.</p> <p>The Chair confirmed that there were no conflicts that prevented the members of the PDG from continuing the meeting.</p>	
<p><b>3. Notes of the last meeting</b></p>	<p>The Chair went through the minutes of the last meeting. The previous actions from these minutes were discussed.</p> <p>It was confirmed that the minutes were an accurate account of the last meeting.</p>	
<p><b>4. Where are we now – meeting overview – running issues</b></p>	<p>Antony Morgan (AM) gave a presentation reminding the PDG where they currently are in the process and what the next steps will be.</p> <p>AM mentioned Ann Mackie might be invited to give her view of national screening programmes. He also mentioned that a glossary would be useful to this guidance. AM asked the PDG to think about potential expert witnesses.</p> <p>Matt Hickman arrived at 10.25 and took on the role of the Chair.</p> <p>It was noted that there are currently technology appraisals occurring for <b>Hepatitis C (genotype 1) – telaprevir</b> and <b>Hepatitis C (genotype 1) – boceprevir</b>.</p> <p>AM reminded the PDG that any recommendations need to be linked to the evidence base.</p> <p><b>Action: AM to email his presentation to the PDG</b></p>	<p><b>AM</b></p>



<b>7. Effectiveness Review Update – Presentation and Questions</b>	<p>Lisa Jones (LJ) gave a presentation on the systematic review of the effectiveness and cost effectiveness of interventions aimed at raising awareness and engaging with groups who are at an increased risk of HBV and HCV infection. LJ confirmed that few of these papers are from the UK. There were queries around the gaps in data for antenatal screening and prison services, as well as migrant health and port health.</p> <p><b>Action: LJ to look into published data from Graham Foster, the NTA as well as other UK papers. LJ to send LJMU reference library with all papers to the PDG.</b></p> <p><b>Action: NICE Team to ask Deirdre Kelly about antenatal screening data.</b></p> <p><b>Action: PDG to inform the NICE Team of any published or unpublished reports that they are aware of and that have not yet been screened. It would be helpful if they could give the exact bibliographic reference.</b></p>	<p><b>LJMU</b></p> <p><b>NICE Team</b></p> <p><b>PDG</b></p>
<b>8. Overview of EASL Guidelines</b>	<p>Alec Miners arrived at 13.30pm.</p> <p>Salim Khakoo (SK) gave a presentation on an overview of EASL Guidelines. The group were invited to ask SK questions.</p> <p>AM asked the group to give an explicit reference about what the state of the art is for pathway and treatment.</p>	
<b>9. Economic Update</b>	<p>Alec Miners (AM) gave a presentation on an update of where the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine are with their hepatitis B modelling among immigrant populations.</p>	
<b>10. Questions and discussions</b>	<p>The PDG posed questions to AM in regards to the economic model.</p> <p>Kate Drysdale arrived at 14.30pm</p>	
<b>11. Draft guidance document – 1<sup>st</sup> round drafting recommendations</b>	<p>Kay Nolan (KN) gave an overview of the current draft guidance document – focusing on the recommendations and the considerations.</p>	
<b>12. Small groups</b>	<p>The PDG were asked to review the recommendations drafted and review and amend the draft considerations. The PDG were asked to keep in mind any equity issues.</p>	

	<p>A number of alterations and additional recommendations were suggested.</p> <p><b>Action: Kate Drysdale (KD) to email a paper to the NICE Team to send round to the PDG. Danny Morris (DM) to email around documents on stigma.</b></p>	<b>KD/DM</b>
<b>13. Feedback</b>	The chair gave an overview of all that was discussed during the group work.	
<b>14. Next steps</b>	<p>Antony Morgan (AM) gave a presentation highlighting the main aims of the next meeting and the key timelines.</p> <p>AM reiterated that PDG members should email the NICE Team with any suggested names of experts they feel should attend future PDG meetings.</p> <p><b>Action: NICE Team to draft a brief for a potential call for evidence. NICE Team will send this to the PDG for comment.</b></p>	<b>NICE Team</b>
<b>15. AOB</b>	There was no other business.	
<b>14. Close</b>	The meeting closed at 15.40pm	

**Next meeting**

PDG 5: 27<sup>th</sup> October 2011, Dee, NICE Offices, Manchester  
Papers to be emailed 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2011