

Date and Time: Tuesday 12 January 2016, 10:00-16:00

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

Minutes: Confirmed

Guideline Development Group Meeting 23 – Low back pain and sciatica

Present: GDG members

Stephen Ward (SW) – Chair - Consultant in Pain Medicine, Brighton & Sussex University Hospitals NHS trust

Ian Bernstein (IB) - General Practitioner, Gordon House Surgery, London

Suzanne Blowey (SB) - Consultant Nurse Chronic Pain, Mount Gould Hospital, Plymouth

Patrick Hill (PH) - Honorary Consultant Clinical Psychologist, Royal United Hospital, Bath

Neil O'Connell (NOC) – Lecturer, School of Health Sciences & Social Care Brunel University

Diana Robinson (DR) – Patient member

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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Mikaela Bartlett (MB) – Document Editor / Process Assistant, NCGC

Emma Brockis (EB) – Health Economist, NCGC

Sophie Carlisle (SoC) – Research Fellow, NCGC

Serena Carville (SC) – Associate Director, NCGC

Margherita Fanos (MF) – Research Fellow, NCGC

Elisabetta Fenu (EF) - Health Economic Lead, NCGC

Sana Khan (SK) – Research Fellow, NCGC

Qudsia Malik (QM) – Senior Research Fellow, NCGC

Rachel O'Mahony (ROM) – Senior Research Fellow, NCGC

Ben Pordes (BP) – Project Manager, NCGC

NICE

Rupert Franklin (RF) – Programme Manager, NICE

Gareth Haman (GH) – Digital Editor, NICE

Apologies

Mark Mason (MM) – Patient member

Babak Arvin (BA) - Consultant Neurosurgeon, Queens Hospital

Gary MacFarlane (GM) - Chair (clinical) in Epidemiology, University of Aberdeen

Notes

1. Introduction, apologies and minutes

SW welcomed the group to the twenty-third meeting of this GDG. Apologies were received from MM and BA.

2. Declaration of interests

initials	Declaration	Classification (as per the NICE DOI policy wording)	Chair's action
CW	4 and 5 December 2015, gave four lectures at the University of Sao Joao, Porto on low back pain for the Portuguese Pain Society and University Diploma of Pain. Hospitality, travel paid and honorarium were provided.	Personal pecuniary interest	Declare and participate
	11 and 12 December 2015, gave a lecture on neuropathic pain at the European Headache Federation meeting in Athens. Chaired a session on energy therapies in migraine. Travel and accommodation provided by the organisers.	Personal non-pecuniary interest	Declare and participate

3. Treatment pathway/algorithm

The GDG continued to draft the algorithm based on their recommendations.

4. List of recommendations

The GDG reviewed their current list of draft recommendations.

5. Research recommendations

The GDG reviewed and signed off the drafted research recommendations.

6. Any other business

There was no other business.

Date, time and venue of the next meeting

Thursday 19 May 2015, 1000-1600, Boardroom, NCGC, 180 Great Portland Street, London, W1W 5QZ