

NICE Work Programme for 2009-10

Purpose

- To obtain endorsement from the EPB regarding criteria for selecting NICE consultations to participate in.
- To obtain direction from the EPB on which NICE consultations the RPSGB will respond to over the course of 2009-10.

Strategic Objective Domain

- Influencing and enabling the development of the pharmacist to play a more inclusive part in healthcare, public health and social care
- Improving member engagement in the work of the Society
- The public recognise and use pharmacists as the professionals with expertise in medicines

Update

The Practice division is regularly asked by other internal departments and external bodies to participate in NICE consultations and relevant workstreams. This work is often of national strategic importance, and influences how health care is delivered in England and Wales. The three main topic areas are within Public Health, Clinical Guidelines and Health Technology Appraisals (HTA). The RPSGB is currently involved a number of these consultations, as listed in Tables 1-2 on pages 3-6 below.

It is proposed that the RPSGB participate in identified Public Health and Clinical Guidelines consultations. Where a topic is identified as a priority to respond to, the RPSGB will ensure that pharmacy practice issues are highlighted and where required, produce additional implementation guidance for pharmacists. Liaising with specialists within the profession will be seen as core to producing responses, so as to encompass their expertise and input and ensure a coordinated response. A member of the EPB is requested to sign off the final responses.

For HTAs in development it is proposed that due to the specialist nature of these topics, HTAs are not responded to by the RPSGB, due to lack of internal expertise and resources. These topics will be responded to by the relevant specialist pharmacy groups as per their priorities. However, as has been done previously and where requested, the RPSGB will be willing to respond to NICE on specific HTA's, stating their support for the submission from a specialist group.

Recommendations

The England Board is asked to support the recommendations in this paper namely:

- To endorse the suggested selection criteria for NICE consultations
- To identify which Public Health and Clinical Guidelines to participate in for 2009-10
- To identify a named member of the board for each prioritised topic
- To agree to the proposals around responding to HTAs in conjunction specialist practitioners, within the circumstances described

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RPSGB Selection Criteria for Response to NICE Guidance

There is a need to be realistic about the NICE work programme; we cannot respond to all considering the current available resources internally. Participation in consultations should be chosen through the selection criteria below, and be representative of the 'whole' profession. For each response, we need to ensure that pharmacy practice issues are highlighted and where possible, liaise with specialists within the profession, so as to encompass their expertise.

The selection criteria will:

- Enable appropriate selection, and provide justification for non responses
- Where appropriate, represent the views of the profession across different sectors.

CRITERIA:

1. High priority subjects with definite implications for pharmacy – where influence is already important or could be expanded e.g. public health, new service developments and roles for pharmacy
2. Common medical conditions
3. Topics involving medicines in high demand
4. Topics likely to have major therapeutic financial impact for NHS
5. Topics likely to have major financial impact for NHS
6. Controversial topics where the profession of pharmacy has an important opinion/ consideration/ interest

n.b. Topics may be specialist areas in which case liaison with relevant groups is necessary.

n.b. Topics need to be selected bearing in mind resource and capacity internally.

RPSGB – NICE Consultations for 2009-10

- The following tables list the *all* the NICE topics currently under development.
- Each section details:
 - Which topics we are currently involved with
 - Suggested topics for involvement
- The EPB lead is expected to sign-off final responses to consultations

Table 1 - Public Health Guidance in Development

Title	Anticipated publication date	RPSGB currently Involved?	RPSGB to Participate	EPB LEAD
Alcohol-use disorders (prevention)	May 2010	-	YES	
Changing the physical environment to prevent skin cancer	May 2011	-	-	-
Contraceptive services for socially disadvantaged young people	Oct 2010		YES	
Effective weight management following childbirth	Jul 2010		YES	
Home-based approaches to promoting children's wellbeing	Sep 2011			
Identification and weight management of overweight and obese children in primary care	TBC		YES	
Increasing fruit and vegetable provision for deprived communities	TBC			
Looked after children	Sep 2010			
Management of long-term sickness and incapacity for work	Mar 2009			
Personal, social and health education focusing on sex and relationships and alcohol education	TBC		YES	
Pre-school approaches to promoting children's wellbeing	May 2011			
Preventing and reducing HIV transmission among African communities	Feb 2011		YES	
Preventing and reducing HIV transmission among men who have sex with men	Feb 2011		YES	
Preventing children's unintentional injuries outside the home	Oct 2010			
Preventing domestic violence	TBC			
Preventing obesity: whole system approaches	TBC		YES	
Preventing unintentional injuries among under 15s in the home	Apr 2010			
Preventing unintentional road injuries among under 15s: road design	Apr 2010			
Preventing unintentional road injuries among young people	TBC			
Prevention of cardiovascular disease	Mar 2010		YES	
Prevention of type 2 diabetes mellitus	May 2011		YES	
Promoting mental wellbeing at work	Sep 2009			

Title	Anticipated publication date	RPSGB currently Involved?	RPSGB to Participate	EPB LEAD
Promoting young people's social and emotional wellbeing in secondary education	Jul 2009			
Providing public information to prevent skin cancer	Oct 2009	YES		
Providing resources to prevent skin cancer	May 2011			
Quitting smoking in pregnancy and following childbirth	May 2010		YES	
Reducing differences in the uptake of immunisations	Sep 2009	YES		
Reducing infant mortality among those living in disadvantaged circumstances	Jul 2011			
School-based interventions to prevent smoking	Feb 2010		YES	
Spatial planning	May 2011			
Strategies to prevent unintentional injuries among under 15s	Oct 2010			
Transport policies that prioritise walking and cycling	TBC			
Using the media to promote healthy eating	TBC			
Weight management for overweight and obese children: community interventions	TBC		YES	
Weight management in pregnancy	Jan 2010		YES	

Total: 16 public health topics

Table 2 - Clinical Guidelines in Development

Title	Anticipated publication date	RPSGB currently Involved?	RPSGB to Participate	EPB LEAD
Acute coronary syndromes	Feb 2010			
Alcohol dependence	Jan 2011		YES	
Alcohol use disorders - clinical management	May 2010		YES	
Autism in children and adolescents	Jul 2011			
Bacterial meningitis and meningococcal septicaemia in children	Jun 2010			
Barrett's oesophagus - ablative therapy	May 2010			
Chest pain/discomfort of recent onset	Feb 2010		YES	
Chronic heart failure (partial update)	Aug 2010		YES	
Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (update)	Jun 2010		YES	
Coeliac disease	May 2009			
Colorectal cancer	Jul 2011			
Constipation in children	May 2010		YES	
Critical illness rehabilitation	Mar 2009			
Delirium	Jul 2010			
Depression in adults (update)	Sep 2009		YES	
Depression in chronic health problems	Jun 2009			
Diarrhoea and vomiting in children under 5	Apr 2009			
Donor breast milk banks	Feb 2010			
Epilepsy (update)	Nov 2010		YES	
Glaucoma	Apr 2009			
Hypertensive disorders during pregnancy	Apr 2010		YES	
Low back pain	May 2009			
Lung cancer - update	Mar 2011			
Male lower urinary tract symptoms (LUTS)	Apr 2010			
Management of femoral neck fractures	Jun 2011			
Metastatic malignant disease of unknown primary origin	May 2010			
Motor neurone disease - non-invasive ventilation	TBC			
Multiple pregnancy	Jun 2011			
Neonatal jaundice	Apr 2010			
Neuropathic pain (adults) - pharmacological management (non-specialist settings)	Mar 2010	YES		
Nocturnal enuresis in children (bedwetting)	Oct 2010			
Osteoporosis	TBC		YES	
Ovarian cancer	Jun 2011			
Pregnancy and complex social factors	Aug 2010			
Schizophrenia (update)	Mar 2009	YES – Scope		

Title	Anticipated publication date	RPSGB currently Involved?	RPSGB to Participate	EPB LEAD
Sedation in infants, children and young people	Nov 2010	responded	YES	
Severe mental illness with problematic substance misuse	TBC		YES	
Stable angina	Jul 2011			
Transient loss of consciousness in adults	Aug 2010			
Type 2 diabetes newer agents	Mar 2009			
Venous thromboembolism - reducing the risk	Nov 2009			
When to suspect child maltreatment	Jul 2009			
Total: 14 clinical guidance topics				