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Eileen / John / Ailsa

Some quick thoughts.

1. From what I can see (and not having the main report) it does not look as though there is anything incompatible with our own risk assessment.
2. However the "big story" is obviously that NICE have bitten the bullet in recommending **single use instruments for all high risk procedures**. (The first recommendation, para 1.1.1.1 is quite blunt and uncompromising on this.) I'm a little surprised that the costs per QALY come out so favourably, but am quite happy to accept that they were able to go into costs much more fully than we were able to. (The implication is that a good deal of this kit is not that expensive.) I'm also a bit surprised that each infection via neurosurgery accounts for as much as 15 QALYs, and would like to see what evidence they got on survival rates and age distributions. They are presumably assuming that everyone infected would eventually develop symptoms, regardless of genotype?
4. The big danger here is a repeat of the single-use tonsillectomy saga: not so much on costs (assuming NICE have done their sums) or quality of kit, but in terms of **continuity of supply**. The last thing anyone needs is operations being suspended due to unavailability of kit. DH may need to respond quite robustly on this. It would be helpful if NICE could at least acknowledge the problem more fully. As they stand, their recommendations simply assume that moving immediately to all-single-use is feasible without compromising patient care and safety. This may be too optimistic.
4. There will undoubtedly be criticism that NICE are **exaggerating the scale of the problem** given the lack of any observed surgical transmissions to date. They might be well-advised to anticipate these, by explaining up-front why rather large current and future risks are compatible with lack of evidence to date. (I believe that this can be done, as you know.)
5. Para 3.1.7 refers to "cases of onward transmission", which are then elided to "cases". This is confusion: it needs to be made clear whether they are talking about numbers of **transmissions** (i.e. secondary infections) or **clinical cases** of vCJD. These are two very different things!
6. The two bullets on p 23 (last part of para 3.2.9) are not easy to follow. I think the point here is that because the distribution of risk estimates is highly-skewed, some very high-risk scenarios pull the **mean** cost per QALY saved below the £30K benchmark, whereas in **most** scenarios the costs come in above this. Could this be said more simply?

Hope this is helpful: happy to discuss. And then there's dentistry.... it might be helpful if we can have a quick word about this, following Friday's SEAC.

Peter

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Comments today to Eileen. Thanks

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Eileen

Please consider. Happy to discuss on Monday.

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Gerard

Please see below e-mail from Catherine.

David would appreciate your views on the enclosed (in confidence) copy of NICE guidance on patient safety and reduction on risk of transmission of CJD via interventional procedures.

Would be grateful for views/comments by close Tuesday 28th February in time for David's 1:1 with CMO on Wednesday 1st March.

Thanks

Carole

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David

Please see the attached email and letter from Professor Peter Littlejohns at NICE, enclosing an advance copy of draft guidance on patient safety and reduction of risk of transmission of CJD via interventional procedures.

I've put this to CMO and he would like to discuss this with you at your next 1:1 (on Wednesday). However, I'm conscious that this is too late to pick up any major comments or concerns before the beginning of the consultation on 28th February, so I would be very grateful if you could take a look at this sooner and let me have any comments.

Sophie - I've copied you in to be aware of this consultation.

Please note, NICE have sent this to us in confidence as this will not become public until 28 February.

Many thanks

Catherine

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Catherine
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Dear Catherine,

Re: NICE guidance on Patient safety and reduction of risk of transmission of Creutzfeldt-Jacob disease (CJD) via interventional procedures

Please find attached an advance copy of this draft guidance for the attention of Professor Sir Liam Donaldson prior to the consultation period beginning on 28th February. Also attached is a covering letter from Professor Peter Littlejohns, Clinical and Public Health Director, NICE who is the Executive Lead for this piece of guidance.

I would be grateful if you could confirm receipt of this email. If you have any further questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact us directly.

Sent with best wishes,

Adelle

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