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Dear Sharon

NICE Clinical Guideline NG211 - Rehabilitation after traumatic injury -
<https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng211>

The Department's Quality Regulation and Improvement Branch (QRIB) in the Chief Medical Officer's Group has recently reviewed the above NICE guidance and has formally endorsed it as applicable in Northern Ireland.

In accordance with the process outlined in circular HSC (SQSD) 13/22 (<https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/publications/health/doh-hsc-sqsd-13-22.pdf>), the following actions should now be taken by Strategic Planning and Performance Group (SPPG):

- a. In conjunction with the PHA, identify Commissioning and Professional Leads who will consider the commissioning implications of the Clinical Guideline and co-ordinate with any other relevant commissioning teams. This Lead will identify any areas where regional planning / investment / commissioning are required, or where there is material risk to safety or quality. These will then be actioned immediately through normal commissioning arrangements or through bespoke arrangements reflecting the nature of the issue / risk.
- b. Ensure that relevant guidance is sent to the appropriate Family Practitioners and other Integrated Care Services as appropriate/relevant.
- c. Seek positive assurance from the HSC Trusts and Integrated Care that the required initial actions have been undertaken within a 3 month period, and that the Guideline has been implemented within a further 9 months (unless otherwise notified by the HSC Trusts).
- d. Where significant investment/ commissioning needs cannot be met within the usual timeframe, agree appropriate arrangements with HSC Trusts.

To inform this process, please find attached details from the Quality Regulation and Improvement Branch (QRIB) review. Strategic Planning and Performance Group (SPPG) should consider and take account of other relevant Departmental policies and strategies in your planning, as well as any legislative / policy caveats identified in the course of the review.

A full current list of NICE guidance endorsed for application in Northern Ireland can be found on the Department's website at <https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/topics/safety-and-quality-standards/national-institute-health-and-care-excellence-nice>

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Appendix 1

Endorsed NICE guidance - Details from Departmental review

Reference Number	NICE Clinical Guideline – NG211 https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng211
Title	Rehabilitation after traumatic injury
Summary of guidance	<p>This guideline covers complex rehabilitation needs after traumatic injury, including assessment and goal setting, rehabilitation plans and programmes, physical, psychological and cognitive rehabilitation, rehabilitation for specific injuries, coordination of rehabilitation in hospital, at discharge and in the community, and commissioning and organising rehabilitation services.</p> <p>The guideline includes recommendations on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • initial assessment and early interventions for people with complex rehabilitation needs • multidisciplinary team rehabilitation needs assessment • setting rehabilitation goals • developing a rehabilitation plan and making referrals • rehabilitation programmes of therapies and treatments • principles for sharing information and involving family and carers • coordination of rehabilitation care in hospital • coordination of rehabilitation care at discharge • supporting access and participation in education, work and community (adjustment and goal settings) • commissioning and organisation of rehabilitation services <p>Rehabilitation therapies and interventions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • physical rehabilitation • cognitive rehabilitation • psychological rehabilitation <p>Injury-specific sections (to be read together with the rehabilitation therapies and interventions sections):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • rehabilitation after limb reconstruction, limb loss or amputation • rehabilitation after spinal cord injury • rehabilitation after nerve injury • rehabilitation after chest injury <p><u>Traumatic injury is any major or minor injury that requires admission to hospital at the time of injury, including musculoskeletal, visceral and nerve injuries, soft tissue damage, spinal injury, limb reconstruction and limb loss.</u></p>

Related strategically relevant DoH/ HSC policies	None
Inter-Departmental interest	None
Legislative / policy caveats	<p>This advice does not override or replace the individual responsibility of health professionals to make appropriate decisions in the circumstances of their individual patients, in consultation with the patient and/or guardian or carer. This would, for example, include situations where individual patients have other conditions or complications that need to be taken into account in determining whether the NICE guidance is fully appropriate in their case.</p> <p>The <i>Mental Capacity Act 2005</i> does not apply in N.I, but work is under way to implement the <i>Mental Capacity Act (Northern Ireland) 2016</i>, which incorporates mental capacity and mental health provisions. The first phase of implementation of the <i>Mental Capacity Act (N.I) 2016</i> has now been completed – Phase One introduced new provisions in relation to Deprivation of Liberty, Money & Valuables and Research. The <i>Mental Capacity Act (Northern Ireland) 2016</i> and accompanying Code of Practice also gives advice on how to determine whether a person aged 16 and over has capacity. More information on the <i>Mental Capacity Act (N.I) 2016</i> can be found in the MCA website – www.health-ni.gov.uk/mca</p> <p>The <i>Care Act 2014</i> does not apply in N.I. The following legislation should be read in place of the <i>Care Act 2014</i>;</p> <p><i>Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972</i> - http://www.legislation.gov.uk/nisi/1972/1265</p> <p><i>Health and Social Care (Reform) Act (Northern Ireland) 2009</i> - http://www.legislation.gov.uk/nia/2009/1/contents</p> <p><i>The Mental Health (Northern Ireland) Order 1986</i> - http://www.legislation.gov.uk/nisi/1986/595</p> <p>It should be noted that this guidance contains some recommendations for off-label use of medicines. Trusts and practitioners must be aware of their responsibilities and ensure that appropriate policies are in place when medicines are used off-label.</p> <p>This guidance makes reference to NICE Social Care guidance which has not been endorsed by the DoH.</p>