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**ABSTRACT OF PRESENTATION**

The first part of this presentation will describe the process by which the recommendations in Guideline was developed by the NICE Guideline Development Committee. The Committee itself comprised selected health and social care specialists, lay members and co-opted members and considered published evidence produced in response to specific key questions set by the Committee. As a result, over 20 detailed evidence reviews were produced by scientists in the NICE National Guideline Alliance (NGA), Where good quality evidence was lacking, the Committee used its own knowledge, expertise and information from best practice to make its recommendations. After a period of consultation the Guideline was published taking on board several issues raised during this process. The rationale for each recommendation and its possible impact on practice are also provided in the Guideline.

Recommendations made in respect of compassionate approaches to the management of self harm will be discussed in the second part of the presentation. These will cover NICE recommendations and the rationale for them in the following areas i.e. provision of Information and support ; consent and confidentiality ; safeguarding ; and, involving families and carers. Remaining recommendations in the Guideline will be addressed by other speakers.

**References**

The NICE Guideline “Self-harm: assessment, management and preventing recurrence” (NG225) [www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng225](http://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng225)

NICE NGA Evidence Reviews and Committee discussions <https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng225/evidence>

Committee meeting minutes, membership and other background information <https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng225/history>