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NICE, SCHIZOPHRENIA AND THE EVIDENCE BEHIND THE TREATMENTS

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This talk will describe the methodology used for the development of the new NICE guideline on the treatment of schizophrenia for the UK, paying particular attention to meta-analytic and, where possible, economic methods or considerations used to develop recommendations on the use of Family therapy, CBT and the arts therapies. Some time will also be given to examining the evidence behind the first formal meta-analytic review of early intervention services for people with early schizophrenia, and a suggestion that these services may be beneficial as a result of them including evidence-based treatments rather than such services having a particular approach or service ideology. If time allows, we will also examine the evidence behind the choice of antipsychotic in the schizophrenia guideline, and speculate on the continuing usefulness, if any, of using terms such as 'typical', 'atypical', 'first generation' or 'second generation'.