

NATIONAL DOSE ASSESSMENT WORKING GROUP

PAPER 16-08 REPORT FROM THE HABITS SUBGROUP

Current Status of the Work of the Subgroup

The Habits Subgroup has largely completed its programme of work. At the 15th NDAWG Meeting, the second report from the Subgroup, relating to the use of habits data in prospective assessments, was approved for publication, subject to resolution of a few remaining comments from the NDAWG and from members of the Habits Subgroup. It was agreed that when these final comments had been resolved, the paper could be published on the NDAWG website.

Following the 15th NDAWG Meeting, Dr M C Thorne revised the paper and distributed it to the Subgroup for a final review. Comments from that review were taken into account and the final paper has been provided to the Secretariat for publication on the NDAWG website.

Based on the paper, a guidance note on the use of habits data in prospective assessments was drafted by Dr M C Thorne and distributed to members of the Habits Subgroup for comment. Following e-mail discussion with various members of the Subgroup, an agreed draft of the Guidance Note was prepared and this has been distributed separately to the NDAWG.

Forward Programme

It is anticipated that members of the NDAWG will have comments on the draft Guidance Note. These will be addressed through e-mail correspondence between members of the Habits Subgroup. Following this process, it is proposed that the revised Guidance Note should be provided to the Secretariat for publication and that the Habits Subgroup should be terminated, having completed its work. This forward programme is based on the assumption that comments on the draft Guidance Note will relate only to points of detail that can readily be resolved by correspondence.

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