

Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder **NICE** National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (standard update)

Consultation on draft scope – deadline for comments **5pm on 5 February 2016**
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1	5	128	Parents of children diagnosed with ADHD are offered parenting groups as part of the post diagnostic support package/intervention. However the take up by parents of groups is very low and drop out is common. The result is that medication is the sole intervention offered to children. This is problematic a) because for most children diagnosed with ADHD there is no evidence that medication alone has benefits and b) this gives children and their families the erroneous message that ADHD is a mono-causal, purely biological illness and reinforces parents' reluctance to take up interventions which aim to improve parent-child relationships and parenting strategies
2	6	164-166	Despite the low take-up up of parenting groups, many children presenting at CAMHS with ADHD symptoms are struggling with relationship difficulties hat are not addressed by medication. In particular those children with attachment difficulties and those being cared for by parents with mental health problems could benefit from their parents being offered bespoke, individual parenting support. This could reduce drop-out and facilitate more families to adhere to the combined treatment model which is most likely to produce optimal results for the child. It may also help some parents develop a more nuanced understanding of their child's difficulties and reduce the often unrealistic expectation that medication is the only/best solution.

3	6	173	There is now some evidence that psychoanalytic treatments can significantly decrease ADHD symptoms (see Leuzinger-Bohleber, M., Laezer, K. L., Pfenning-Meerkoetter, N., Fischmann, T., Wolff, A., & Green, J. (2011). Psychoanalytic treatment of ADHD children in the frame of two extraclinical studies: The Frankfurt Prevention Study and the EVA Study. <i>Journal of Infant, Child and Adolescent Psychotherapy</i> , 10, 32–50.)
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