## **CPD EVENT RECORD**

## CHRONIC PAIN AND NEUROFEEDBACK TRAINING

with Mr Nick Birch and Jon Graham



## Summary

This discussion comprised an update on the definition and treatment of chronic pain, as well as a demonstration of equipment for neurological feedback training, aimed at adjusting the balance of  $\theta$  and  $\alpha$  waves. The latest NICE guidelines were discussed, and it was noted that acupuncture had been reintroduced (without any apparent change in the evidence!) as a treatment option for chronic pain, although neurofeedback training was not included due to current lack of evidence. The success of a proof-of-concept study, and an initial RCT was outlined, indicating that the protocol could become mainstream within a few years.

It was noted that, because it affects different areas of the brain, neurofeedback training had little or no placebo effect



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