NICE topic selection process for technology appraisals (TA) and highly specialised technologies (HST)

Health technology

National Institute for Health Research Innovation Observatory at the University of Newcastle (NIHRIO) produces topic filtration forms

Filtering and Decision Point 1
Topics are filtered against the TA and the HST prioritisation criteria.

B listed / C listed
Topic not prioritised or outside NICE’s remit.

A listed for TA or HST
Request for NIHR Horizon Scanning Centre briefing note

Decision Point 2
Topic proceed straight to scoping or further discussion at quarterly DP2 meeting

Decision Point 3 (pre-scoping)
NICE, Department of Health and NHS England jointly agree on draft scopes to be issued for consultation

Consultation on the draft scope with stakeholders and scoping workshop

Decision Point 4 (post-scoping)
NICE, Department of Health and NHS England jointly agree on topics to seek Ministerial referral

Decision Point 5
Minister makes final referral to NICE to produce guidance

New drugs: notification at 20 months to Marketing Authorisation (MA)
New indications: notification at 15 months to MA

Medicines Prescribing Centre: Evidence Summary
New Medicine
Option for B listed topics or topics that fall out at Decision Point 2/3/4

The scoping stage is scheduled in relation to the anticipated marketing authorisation plans provided by the company