Scottish Health Technology Group

**SHTG Recommendation**

**Target Audience**
- Policy makers and service planners
- Health and social care professionals
- Patients and the public

**Status in Scotland**
- Boards and Integration Authorities ‘required to consider’

**Definition**
- Evidence-based SHTG recommendations are developed by a national committee in consultation with stakeholders.
- Clinical effectiveness, safety, and cost effectiveness evidence will be considered; alongside patient and public views, professional expert views, and social and organisational implications.
- Our recommendations can include an adaptation of an HTA conducted elsewhere in the UK or internationally, taking into account the views of experts in Scotland.
- Plain language summaries are provided.
- Timescale: 6 - 9 months

**SHTG Assessment**

**Target Audience**
- Policy makers and service planners
- Health and social care professionals

**Status in Scotland**
- For information

**Definition**
- Targeted analysis to provide support for decision-making across health and social care in Scotland.
- Does not include recommendations.
- May include a critical appraisal or summary of existing evidence; primary analyses, such as economic modelling or budget impact assessment; qualitative synthesis.
- Timescale: 3 - 6 months

**SHTG Innovative Medical Technology Overview**

**Target Audience**
- National test-bed governance group
- Health and social care professionals

**Status in Scotland**
- For information

**Definition**
- Light-touch overview of emerging evidence for innovative technologies. Light-touch overview of emerging evidence for innovative technologies.
- Describes the technology, the innovative aspect of the technology, the potential impact on health and social care in Scotland. Highlights strengths/weaknesses of the evidence base.
- Does not include recommendations.
- Plain language summaries are provided.
- Timescale: 1 - 2 months