

NIHR Horizon Scanning Centre



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Overview

The National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Horizon Scanning Centre is a research programme funded to provide advanced notice to the NIHR, Department of Health and NHS policy makers in England of key emerging health interventions that may require further research or consideration of their clinical and cost impact on patients and health services.

Our Research Group

The NIHR HSC provides information to NIHR research programmes such as the Health Technology Assessment and Efficacy and Mechanism Evaluation programmes; numerous work programmes within the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence; and NHS England.

The HSC collaborates with many organisations with an interest in the future including horizon scanning organisations and networks in the rest of the UK, Europe and the world. The group also researches into the methods used and impact of early awareness and alert activities.

In addition to focussing on individual new and emerging technologies, mostly drugs, medical devices or diagnostic tests; the Centre also undertakes in-depth horizon scanning reviews centred on key patient groups or technological advances.

Further information about the group's activities and all published information briefings and reports can be found here: www.hsc.nihr.ac.uk (<http://www.hsc.nihr.ac.uk/>)

The NIHR HSC hosts the Secretariat for EuroScan – the International Information Network on New and Emerging Health Technologies: www.euroscan.org.uk (<http://www.euroscan.org.uk>)

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