



Advice on Health Technologies

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What is the purpose of this bulletin?

Health Technology Wales (HTW) produces this bulletin to support decision making on health technologies within NHS Wales. The bulletin lists HTW reports and Guidance on health technologies published in July to September 2026. It also includes recent technology assessments undertaken by other health technology assessment (HTA) agencies across the UK, Ireland and Europe.

What is a health technology?

A health technology is an intervention, product or service developed to:

- prevent, diagnose or treat medical conditions
- promote health
- provide rehabilitation, or
- organise healthcare delivery.

The health technology could be a test, device, procedure or patient pathway.

What specialties are covered this quarter?

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Advice and guidance is ordered by specialty, categorisation [follows the main specialties listed here](#).

What advice is NHS Wales required to consider?

The advice and guidance NHS Wales is **required to consider** is highlighted in the 'Status' column below.

What next?

- If any of the technology assessments listed are of relevance to current policy, planning and clinical decisions within NHS Wales and you would like to discuss their relevance, please contact HTW: <https://www.healthtechnology.wales/contact/#>
- If you would like to refer a technology to HTW for assessment, please complete the 'Suggest a topic' submission form: <https://www.healthtechnology.wales/suggest-a-topic/>

Information and Guidance on Health Technologies (July 2026 to September 2026)

Speciality	Technology Assessment	Agency/ Product	Date Published	Status in NHS Wales
Cancer	TER652 Clinical hyperthermia alongside radiotherapy and/or chemotherapy for recurrent breast cancer	HTW Topic exploration report	Aug 2026	For information only
	TER649 Blood-based liquid biopsies that analyse circulating stem cells and associated molecular markers for early cancer detection and triage	HTW Topic exploration report	Aug 2026	For information only
	TER648 Chemosaturation with percutaneous hepatic perfusion of melphalan for liver metastases from uveal melanoma	HTW Topic exploration report	Aug 2026	For information only
	Surface Guided Radiation Therapy SGRT	SHTG Recommendation	Sept 2026	For information only
Digestive system	HTG780 Ex-situ machine perfusion devices to preserve deceased donor livers for transplantation	NICE HealthTech Guidance	Aug 2026	For information only
Eye	HTG781 Digital technologies to support home monitoring of vision changes for people with advanced dry age-related macular degeneration: early-use assessment	NICE HealthTech Guidance	Sept 2026	For information only
Health service organisation and delivery	Virtual ward platform technologies to support transition of patients to the home setting or to avoid hospital admission	SHTG Recommendation	June 2026	For information only
	HTA of COVID-19 vaccination in Ireland	HIQA Full HTA	September 2026	For information only
Infectious disease	GUI020-2 Rapid antigen detection tests for group A streptococcal infections to treat people with a sore throat in the community pharmacy setting	HTW Guidance	July 2026	NHS Wales should adopt this guidance or justify why it has not been followed
	TER 663 Intranasal photodisinfection for the prevention of surgical site infections	HTW Topic exploration report	Aug 2026	For information only
Injuries, accidents, and wounds	TER661 Multicomponent compression systems in a single bandage for lower limb ulcers and oedema	HTW Topic exploration report	Aug 2026	For information only

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Mental and behavioural disorders	TER659 Pharmacogenomic tests to predict clozapine response in treatment-resistant schizophrenia	HTW Topic exploration report	Aug 2026	For information only
Nervous system	GUI076 Wearable and bed-based technologies to detect tonic-clonic seizures in people with epilepsy	HTW Guidance	July 2026	NHS Wales should adopt this guidance or justify why it has not been followed
	TER653 Pharyngeal electrical stimulation for swallowing difficulties resulting from neurogenic disorders in adults	HTW Topic exploration report	Aug 2026	For information only
Respiratory system	TER658 Finger-worn sensors to diagnose and monitor sleep-disordered breathing in children and adults	HTW Topic exploration report	Aug 2026	For information only

Glossary

Health Information and Quality Authority (HIQA) Full HTA: Health Technology Assessment (HTA) is a multidisciplinary process that uses explicit methods to determine the value of a health technology at different points in its lifecycle. The purpose is to inform decision-making in order to promote an equitable, efficient, and high-quality health system. A Full HTA examines all (or most) domains of the EUnetHTA Core Model.

HTW Guidance: summarises clinical- and cost-effectiveness evidence and implications for the health technology in Wales.

HTW Topic Exploration Report: designed to provide a high-level briefing on new topics submitted for consideration in Wales.

NICE HealthTech Guidance: evaluates digital technologies, diagnostics and medical devices (including artificial intelligence). It considers HealthTech products that are in early development but may offer potential value to the NHS, be suitable for routine widespread use, or are already in existing use in the NHS. It includes guidance on the effectiveness and safety of interventional procedures.

SHTG Recommendation: Evidence-based recommendations for how the health technology should be used in the Scottish context, developed by a national advisory council in consultation with stakeholders.

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