



# Advice on Health Technologies

## Quarterly Bulletin | April 2026

### 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 January–March 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 (January – March 2026)

Speciality	Technology Assessment	Agency/ Product	Date Published	Status in NHS Wales
Cancer	<a href="#">GUI069 Capsule sponge devices to detect Barrett's oesophagus and early-stage oesophageal cancer</a>	HTW Guidance	January 2026	<b>NHS Wales should adopt this guidance or justify why it has not been followed</b>
Cardiovascular System	<a href="#">TER606 Methods for optimal vein selection for peripheral intravenous cannulation</a>	HTW Topic Exploration Report	February 2026	For information only
	<a href="#">HTG774 Surgical insertion of a catheter-based left ventricular microaxial flow pump for cardiogenic shock</a>	NICE HealthTech Guidance	March 2026	For information only
	<a href="#">HTG775 Percutaneous insertion of a catheter-based left ventricular microaxial flow pump for cardiogenic shock</a>	NICE HealthTech Guidance	March 2026	For information only
	<a href="#">HTG722 Off-pump minimal access mitral valve repair by artificial chordae insertion to treat mitral regurgitation</a>	NICE HealthTech Guidance	March 2026	For information only
	<a href="#">HTG770 Leadless cardiac pacemaker implantation for bradyarrhythmias</a>	NICE HealthTech Guidance	February 2026	For information only
	<a href="#">HTG771 Transcatheter tricuspid valve implantation for symptomatic severe tricuspid regurgitation</a>	NICE HealthTech Guidance	February 2026	For information only
	<a href="#">HTG769 Pulmonary artery pressure technologies for remote monitoring of chronic heart failure</a>	NICE HealthTech Guidance	February 2026	For information only
Digestive system	<a href="#">GUI069 Capsule sponge devices to detect Barrett's oesophagus and early-stage oesophageal cancer</a>	HTW Guidance	January 2026	<b>NHS Wales should adopt this guidance or justify why it has not been followed</b>
	<a href="#">HTG773 Artificial intelligence (AI) technologies to help detect or characterise colorectal polyps</a>	NICE HealthTech Guidance	March 2026	For information only
	<a href="#">HTG767 Balloon cryoablation for Barrett's oesophagus</a>	NICE HealthTech Guidance	January 2026	For information only

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<b>Genitourinary system</b>	<a href="#">TER625 Robotic waterjet ablation therapy for lower urinary tract symptoms caused by benign prostatic hyperplasia.</a>	HTW Topic Exploration Report	March 2026	For information only
<b>Health service organisation and delivery</b>	<a href="#">TER611 Continuous wireless monitoring of vital signs on general wards</a>	HTW Topic Exploration Report	March 2026	For information only
	<a href="#">TER610 Behaviour change apps for chronic conditions</a>	HTW Topic Exploration Report	February 2026	For information only
<b>Infectious Disease</b>	<a href="#">TER603 Hydrogel coating to reduce orthopaedic implant-related infection in people at higher risk of infection.</a>	HTW Topic Exploration Report	February 2026	For information only
<b>Mental and Behavioural Disorders</b>	<a href="#">TER610 Behaviour change apps for chronic conditions</a>	HTW Topic Exploration Report	February 2026	For information only
	<a href="#">TER621 Transcranial direct current stimulation (tDCS) for depression</a>	HTW Topic Exploration Report	February 2026	For information only
	<a href="#">HTG768 Digital self-help for eating disorders: early value assessment</a>	NICE HealthTech Guidance	January 2026	For information only
<b>Multidisciplinary</b>	<a href="#">TER624 Cyclically pressurised topical wound oxygen therapy for hard-to-heal wounds</a>	HTW Topic Exploration Report	March 2026	For information only
	<a href="#">TER623 Biodegradable rectal spacers for use during radiotherapy for prostate cancer</a>	HTW Topic Exploration Report	March 2026	For information only
	<a href="#">TER630 PrecivityAD2 blood test for the assessment of Alzheimer's Disease</a>	HTW Topic Exploration Report	March 2026	For information only
	<a href="#">TER626 Multiplex polymerase chain reaction tests on synovial fluid for diagnosing joint infections</a>	HTW Topic Exploration Report	March 2026	For information only
	<a href="#">TER622 Therapeutic supportive restraint devices such as the safety pod, as an alternative to traditional manual restraint across a variety of settings including mental health and emergency services</a>	HTW Topic Exploration Report	February 2026	For information only

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	<a href="#">Surgical Care Practitioners</a>	SHTG Assessment	January 2026	For information only
Musculoskeletal system	<a href="#">TER603 Hydrogel coating to reduce orthopaedic implant-related infection in people at higher risk of infection.</a>	HTW Topic Exploration Report	February 2026	For information only
	<a href="#">HTG766 Digital technologies for managing mild to moderate symptoms of hip or knee osteoarthritis: early value assessment</a>	NICE HealthTech Guidance	January 2026	For information only
	<a href="#">Specialist interventions for managing chronic non-malignant pain in adults</a>	SHTG Recommendation	February 2026	For information only
Nervous System	<a href="#">Specialist interventions for managing chronic non-malignant pain in adults</a>	SHTG Recommendation	February 2026	For information only
Obstetrics and Gynaecology	<a href="#">TER619 Electronic fetal monitoring with the help of Artificial Intelligence</a>	HTW Topic Exploration Report	February 2026	For information only
Respiratory	<a href="#">TER633 Automated oxygen titration in oxygen treatment</a>	HTW Topic Exploration Report	March 2026	For information only

## Glossary

**HTW Topic Exploration Report (TER):** is published once the initial evidence search on a topic has been carried out. The TER is presented to the HTW Assessment Group who decide whether the topic should be accepted onto the HTW work programme.

**HTW Guidance (GUI):** Guidance on whether the evidence supports adoption of a technology in Wales is produced by the HTW Appraisal Panel which appraises the evidence available in the EAR alongside expert, patient and public input. The guidance summarises the key evidence and any implications for the health and social care sectors in Wales.

**SHTG Assessment:** bespoke reviews of health technologies to inform policy and practice across NHS Scotland.

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

**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.

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