



Overview of recommendations issued by Health Technology Wales (HTW)

There are three categories of recommendations issued by HTW¹; these are detailed below.

Recommendation type	What this means for NHS Wales
Should routinely offer	<p>The evidence shows the technology offers sufficient benefit for the condition or patient group mentioned in the recommendation, and it also offers value for money to NHS Wales.</p> <p>Therefore, it should be made routinely available across NHS Wales.</p>
Should not routinely offer	<p>The evidence shows the technology does not offer sufficient benefit for the condition or patient group mentioned in the recommendation, and/or does not offer value for money to NHS Wales.</p> <p>Therefore, this technology should not be routinely available across NHS Wales.</p>
More evidence is needed	<p>There is not enough clinical and/or cost effectiveness evidence for this technology to be offered by NHS Wales.</p> <p>Further evidence should be generated to address any evidence gaps and research recommendations mentioned in the guidance document. However, for evidence generation carried out by or within NHS Wales, consideration should be given to the most appropriate sources of funding for use of the technology, as it is not recommended to be routinely offered.</p> <p>When further evidence has been generated, the technology can be resubmitted to HTW for re-assessment.</p>

Health Technology Wales' recommendations on health technologies apply to all local health boards, NHS Wales Joint Commissioning Committee, Velindre University NHS Trust and Welsh Ambulance Service University NHS Trust, when they have responsibility to provide/arrange care for the population mentioned in the guidance. The status of HTW's recommendations is 'adopt or justify'; organisations are expected to follow the recommendation or provide justification for why they have chosen not to follow it. Recommendations on how to implement and fund the technology are not within HTW's remit.

Health Technology Wales audits all its guidance recommendations to assess the level of uptake and equity of access to health technologies across Wales.

¹This wording applies to all recommendations made by HTW from February 2026.