



Week 0: HealthTech Connect submission received and reviewed by a HTW Researcher

Week 1: Initial Review of submission

Technologies that are out of HTW remit are not progressed:

- an idea or prototype stage of development;
- Those that do not directly impact patient outcomes (e.g. electronic document management systems, technologies to deliver communication or training)
- newer iterations of established existing technologies.

All other technologies are assessed for suitability for HTW appraisal, for example:

- Appropriate regulatory approval has been granted
- Appropriate evidence is available
- Selecting the technology will not duplicate work being done by other Data Accessors

Technology is within HTW remit and suitable for potential appraisal
Contact is made with innovator

Technology is outside of HTW remit or not suitable for appraisal
Feedback is not given to innovator

Week 2: Topic Exploration Report (TER) developed

Takes approximately four weeks to develop

HTW Assessment Group (quarterly)

Decides whether the topic can be selected onto the HTW work programme for full appraisal

Selected
Innovator informed and next steps discussed

Not selected
Feedback given to innovator and TER published

HTW Appraisal Panel Evidence Appraisal Report & Guidance developed

Usually takes about 4 to 6 months

An overview of the HTW appraisal process can be found here:

<https://www.healthtechnology.wales/about/our-appraisal-process/>