



## Technoleg Iechyd Cymru Health Technology Wales

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Dear Colleague,

### Health Technology Wales (HTW) – Open Topic Call

Non-medicine technologies encompass a wide range of healthcare interventions, ranging from devices and diagnostic tests to changes in treatment pathways in health and social care. There are over 500,000 medical devices on the market with an annual UK spend of £11 billion for medical devices alone.

Health Technology Wales has been established to support a strategic, national approach to the identification, appraisal and adoption (including disinvestment) of non-medicine health technologies into Welsh health and care settings. This includes medical devices, surgical procedures and a range of other interventions e.g. psychological therapies and rehabilitation.

Health Technology Wales will provide independent, evidence-informed guidance on the clinical and cost effectiveness of non-medicine technologies to provide assistance to NHS Wales in its health technology adoption decisions.

We are currently planning our 2019 work programme and are writing to enquire whether there are any areas where you think we could support you? A range of evidence review products are available ranging from rapid to full health technology assessments. Examples of Health Technology Wales evidence reviews and guidance are available from [www.healthtechnology.wales](http://www.healthtechnology.wales).

Following review of the evidence, Health Technology Wales will issue Guidance to NHS Wales, summarising the clinical and cost effectiveness of the technology alongside relevant contextual information and any requirement for further research to inform decision making.

We would particularly encourage topic referrals that reflect the priority areas of the Welsh Government and technologies used in social care settings.

If you would like to propose a topic to Health Technology Wales please complete and submit the [Topic Referral Form](#) via our website by **30<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

Alternatively, if you would like any further information, or an informal discussion regarding whether we can assist you in considering a technology, please contact [HealthTechnology@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:HealthTechnology@wales.nhs.uk). A Health Technology Wales researcher can work with you to draft a topic referral form if helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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