

Driving Improvement in Non-Medicines Technologies is a draft document prepared for Healthcare Improvement Scotland and will be subject to further revision.

We wish to seek the views of external stakeholders on content and direction. In addition to providing comments on the draft document, we would also appreciate it if you could disseminate this among your relevant colleagues and/or networks.

We would be grateful to receive your comments to shtg.hcis@nhs.net by Friday 11 March 2016.

We are happy to receive comments about any elements of the document within the free text area of the proforma. We would also ask that you consider the following specific questions:

1. Does the document clearly and appropriately define non-medicine technologies (NMT)?

The Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh (“the College”) agrees with the definition used of NMT.

2. Does the document clearly reflect the results of the NMT survey?

Yes: the College agrees the document reflects the NMT survey.

3. Are the key issues within the NMT landscape identified?

We agree that the key issues seem to be identified adequately.

4. Are the challenges identified in Section 7 the key challenges for NMT?

The College agrees that the challenges identified seem reasonable.

5. Does the proposed draft work plan reflect the issues and challenges? Are any key areas omitted?

The College agrees that the draft work plan is reasonable. However, it would be useful if Table 1 contained timescales.

6. Do you have any suggestions for where in NHSScotland boards national advice on technologies other than medicines should be considered ('landing zones')?

It may be worthwhile asking Managed Clinical Networks for their help in disseminating information and giving advice.

7. Can you provide contact details for suggested key contacts relating to:

Strategy?

Individual Health Boards could be asked for appropriate local contacts who could act as "champions" for strategy.

8. Should SHTG focus its efforts on specific categories of NMTs and if so, which ones (devices, diagnostics etc)?

It would seem sensible for SHTG to focus its efforts initially on high cost and large volume items.

Free text comments

Thank you for your help in developing this document.

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