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Announcement of methodological changes to NICE Technology Appraisals in the NHS in England (Innovation Scorecard): to March 2016

Background

The Innovation Scorecard reports on the use of medicines and medical technologies in the NHS in England, which have been positively appraised by the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE).

It is published as an Official Statistic and is required to comply with the UK Statistics Authority Code of Practice for Official Statistics. This announcement is therefore made in compliance with Principle 2: Impartiality and objectivity, Practice 4 which states '*Announce changes to methods or classifications well in advance of the release of the changed statistics*'.

There are a few changes being implemented for the October 2016 release of the Innovation Scorecard which will report data up to March 2016 as follows:

Change in inclusion criteria dates for medicines

The criteria for NICE Technology Appraisals (TAs) to be considered for publication on the Innovation Scorecard is to be brought forward by an additional three months, bringing the latest TA date in line with the data reporting month i.e. to March 2016. As a result, the TA start date for inclusion that would be reduced by a year in the January publication will now take effect in the October publication.

Therefore, for the October 2016 publication of the Innovation Scorecard, the cut-off date for inclusion of TAs is from January 2012 to the end of March 2016, reporting on data up to the end of March 2016.

Further information on the inclusion criteria can be found in the Frequently Asked Questions document of the publication.

Benefit:

This change will improve the timeliness for inclusion of NICE TAs by three months, bringing the dates in line with the data reporting periods of the Innovation Scorecard. As a

result, the TA start date for inclusion will now be revised on the October releases of the Innovation Scorecard. All other medicine inclusion criteria will remain the same.

Impact:

Low impact. Historic data for medicines which no longer meet the inclusion criteria will still be available on previous releases of the Innovation Scorecard on the NHS Digital website.

Questions and feedback on the Innovation Scorecard is welcomed. Please send them to: enquiries@nhsdigital.nhs.uk or call us on 0300 303 5678.