It is proposed that a national system and database for horizon scanning of medical technology is developed ('MedTechScan'). This will offer NHS England and other organisations a single national, systematic approach to receiving timely information in identifying, characterising and tracking emerging medical technologies in development via a secure shared database. This will be of value to both industry and the Health System (NHS England, National Horizon Scanning agencies, NICE, Academic Health Science Networks) in enabling promising medical technologies (including devices, diagnostics and digital products) to be identified and prioritised for health technology assessment, budgeting, commissioning, , support funding and NHS service development.

Industry recommend that the following principles are used to guide the development of the system:

- **Integrated:** MedTechScan should be part of a unified process to identify, support and disseminate MedTech innovation. It must therefore be linked to other key horizon scanning processes such as NICE, NIHR, NHSE Commissioning policy development process and AAR programs such as Accelerated Access Partnership, Innovation Tariff, and Innovation Exchanges

- **Once Only:** Will be the single source of for the national horizon scanning groups, approved NHS bodies and organisations that provide advice and guidance to the NHS. It should also be also utilised across the devolved nations. the requirements should not duplicate procedures already in place, not assessment

- **Sustainable:** Has a fair, equitable and sustainable funding mechanism with appropriate, non-financial incentives to encourage both industry and health system to utilise the system

- **Transparent:** Has clear and public governance and processes. Defined scope of applicable products with sign positing for products outside of remit agreed by all parties involved

- **Secure** Has appropriate and controlled levels of confidentiality with release of information remaining being regulated by industry at all times

- **Enabling:** Should be a resource to enable processes and organisations to run more effectively, it is not an assessment process and should not be used to filter or block access for products. It supports innovation through articulation of NHS requirements

- **Accessible:** Not prohibitive for companies to engage with and with a clear simple interface and process. Robust search and tagging functionality to enable easy tracking and identification of entries.

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