Cancer Waiting Times (CWT) Process for Reviewing Non-Standard Technologies

Service notes a technology that is having a significant impact on cancer waiting times (one or more tumour sites) and reports it via:

- Cancer Performance and Support Team
- Information Services Division CWT query process

SHTG produces reports on New and Emerging Technologies

Other requesting bodies seeking SHTG advice include: Scottish Cancer Taskforce, National Planning Forum, 18 weeks, etc.

CWT Data and Definitions Group review reports from Scottish Health Technologies Group (SHTG) and links with Regional Cancer Advisory Groups if appropriate. If produced guidance does not cover the new technology, then CWT Data and Definitions Group advises Service to submit a request to SHTG secretariat for consideration. CWT Data & Definitions Group considers the immediate impact on timed cancer pathways

SHTG secretariat clarifies the question. The topics will be prioritised initially by the requesting organisation or by the SHTG secretariat in discussion with the initiator. SHTG will consider the new technology, advise on the evidence and may include a view on it’s usefulness for NHSScotland

SHTG provide interim guidance as appropriate

SHTG produce a report of their findings

CWT Data and Definitions Group consider the interim guidance and/or report together with:
1. NHS Scotland context
2. Organisational issues
3. Time impact on cancer pathway
4. RCAG decision on resources (if applicable)

Decisions on exclusions/WTA communicated to Boards

N.B. - This process will be reviewed by the CWT Data & Definitions Group in 6 months