

Evidence

Improvement

Scrutiny



Synthesising Qualitative Research for HTA

Karen Ritchie, Head of Knowledge Management,

Four strategic objectives

- ~ to support innovation and improvement in the delivery of high quality healthcare
- to provide assurance of the safety and quality of healthcare services
- to influence national policies to improve the quality of healthcare
- ~ to provide authoritative, evidence-based advice and guidance on high quality treatment and care and best practice in public engagement



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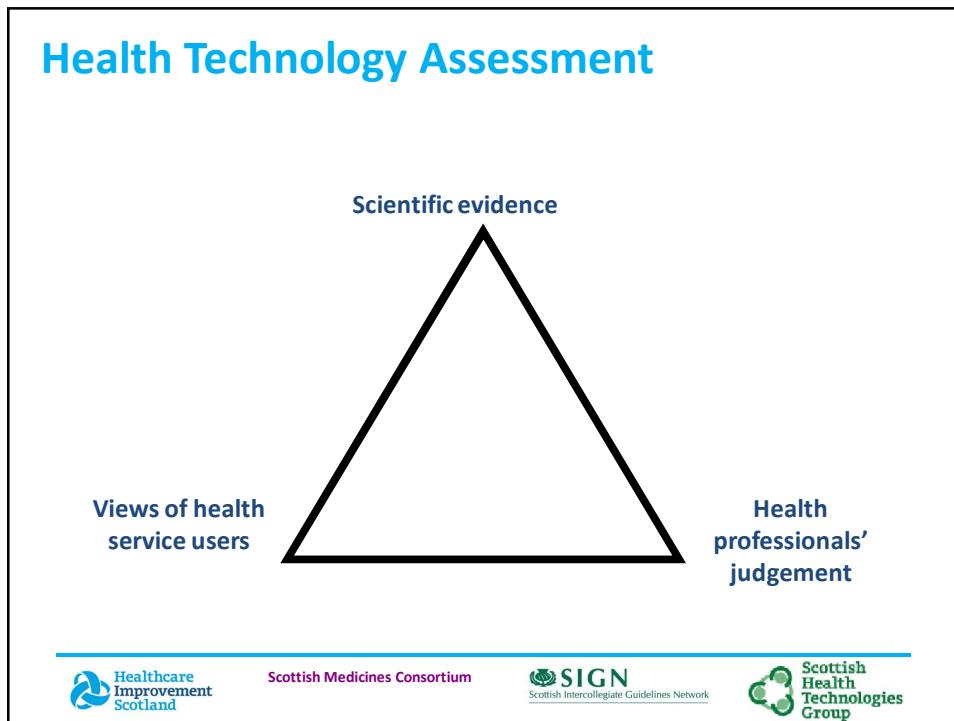
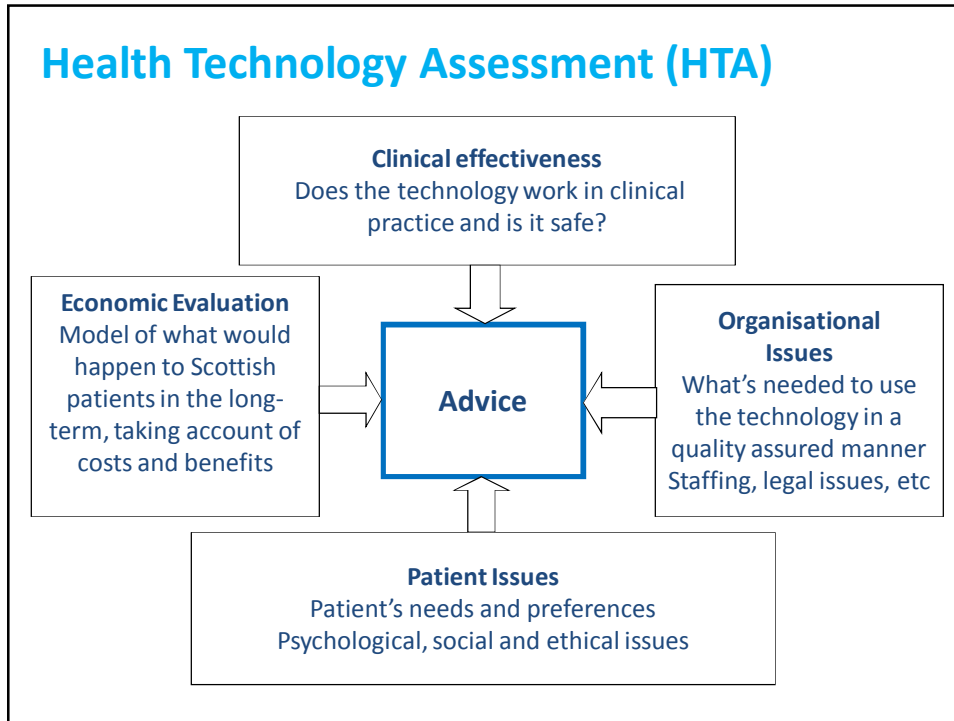
Integrated cycle of improvement



Health Technology Assessment

Health Technology Assessment (HTA) is a multi-disciplinary field of policy analysis, which studies the medical, social, ethical and economic implications of development, diffusion and use of health technology

INAHTA, 2000



Views' of service users

“A thorough review of the literature is needed before primary research is decided upon –this applies generally in HTA, i.e. also to patient aspects

Reviews of the literature in the form of systematic reviews and any syntheses of qualitative research should be used in preference to primary research, if valid and usable research results are available or can be analysed”

Health Technology Assessment Handbook
Danish Centre for Health Technology Assessment, 2007



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Qualitative research and HTA

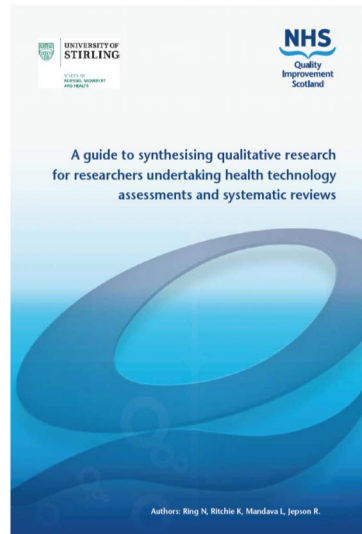
- “ Increasing use of qualitative research in/alongside clinical trials
- “ Quantitative synthesis methods inappropriate
- “ HTA practitioners lack skills and knowledge in qualitative research and synthesis
- “ Guidance on approaches to qualitative synthesis opaque



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