Date: July 4th 2022

Reference: HTW Digital Health Technologies Open Topic Call

Dear Colleague,

Health Technology Wales (HTW) –Digital Health Technologies Open Topic Call Deadline for submissions 31st July 2022.

Health Technology Wales has launched a Digital Health Technologies Open Topic Call to identify apps, programmes and software for use in the health or care system.

We are writing to ask you to consider and inform us of any technologies whose adoption might better support health and social care in Wales and which you think would merit appraisal by HTW. HTW prioritises the identification of topics with a significant expected impact on health and social care services and would particularly encourage topic referrals that have the potential to directly benefit patients and their carers.

Once a topic is selected, an appraisal of the evidence is followed by the publication of national guidance which summaries the effectiveness and value of the technology or model of care and support alongside relevant contextual information and any requirement for further research to inform decision makers.

HTW was established to support a strategic, national approach to the identification, appraisal, and adoption (including disinvestment) of non-medicine technologies into Welsh health and care settings. It provides independent, evidence-informed guidance on the effectiveness of health and social care technologies to assist Welsh health and social care systems in their technology adoption decisions.

A recent example of a digital health technology appraised by HTW was [Freestyle Libre flash glucose monitoring](), a sensor to monitor blood sugar levels, enabling diabetes patients to manage their condition more effectively and without the need for multiple finger prick tests. In its appraisal, HTW concluded that the device should be recommended for routine use by the Welsh NHS.

To find out more about the digital health technologies open topic call and the criteria for submitting a topic read our [frequently asked questions]().

If you would like to propose a topic to HTW please complete and submit the [Topic Referral Form]() via our website.

Alternatively, if you would like any further information or an informal discussion regarding whether we can assist you in considering a technology, please contact [Health.TechnologyWales@wales.nhs.uk](). A HTW researcher can work with you to draft a topic referral form if helpful.

Yours sincerely,

Professor Peter Groves, Chair, Health Technology Wales