

# Updated national guidelines for conducting economic evaluation and budget impact analysis in HTAs

## What have we done?

We have published updated guidelines for conducting economic evaluation and budget impact analysis in health technology assessments (HTAs).

These guidelines were developed with the support of HIQA's HTA Scientific Advisory Group.

Publication of these updated economic guidelines follows a public consultation that was held from 21 October to 2 December 2024. The feedback received was carefully considered. Submissions and responses to them are documented in a statement of outcomes report, which has also been published.



## Why have we done this?

HTAs are used to help decide which health technologies (such as drugs, procedures, medical devices, broader public health interventions and service delivery models) should form part of the publicly-funded health and social care system.

HIQA updates the national HTA guidelines to ensure they incorporate the most up-to-date and relevant scientific information, based on research and experience both nationally and internationally.

### What is Economic Evaluation?

Economic evaluation compares the costs and benefits of different options for the health and social care system to determine which one is the best use of public resources.

### What is Budget Impact Analysis (BIA)?

BIA helps decision-makers understand the impact on the healthcare budget of introducing a new technology.

## Who are these guidelines for?

The guidelines are intended to inform economic evaluations or BIAs conducted by, or on behalf of HIQA, the National Centre for Pharmacoeconomics (NCPE), the Department of Health and the HSE, as well as health technology developers preparing applications for reimbursement.

The updated guidelines can be found on our website.

