

Potential future research topics currently being developed by the HTA programme

Please note this download includes possible topics likely to be advertised towards the end of **March 2018 (see page 3 and 4)** and **August 2018 (see page 2)**. This document was last updated on **21 February 2018**.

If you would like to leave a comment about any of these possible topic areas please [email](#) us.

Alternatively, if you are interested in contributing to the development of our future topic areas, you can help by [becoming a reviewer](#).

The HTA Programme is considering the following topic areas for future commissioned research. Please note that not all of these topics will ultimately be advertised, but if they are then it is likely to be on the dates listed below. Please also note that topic areas and timings are subject to change. The individual commissioning briefs, which will be published when the call opens, will define the details of the call.

Please note that **commissioning briefs take priority over applications to researcher led funding calls**.

If a stage one application is submitted to the research-led programme on a similar topic to a [commissioning brief](#) or any [proposed research areas](#) for HTA commissioned calls, it will not be considered and either:

- once the commissioning brief is advertised, the applicant can tailor their application to the commissioning brief and submit it in response to this

or

- if a decision is made not to advertise a commissioning brief, applicants can apply through the researcher-led workstream in the usual way.

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Topics – Likely to be advertised early August 2018

Timing of stoma closure in neonates

Hysteroscopic removal of uterine cavity abnormalities to improve fertility

Puberty induction for girls with oestrogen deficiency

Nutrient enriched post-discharge diet for babies with a brain injury

Hormonal treatment for premature ovarian insufficiency

Treating specific phobias in children with moderate to severe learning disabilities

Rivastigmine for psychotic symptoms associated with Parkinson's disease

Improving the retention at work of people with bipolar disorder

Medication for ADHD in adults with a history of symptoms of psychosis or bipolar affective disorder

Medication for ADHD in children and young people with a co-existing tic disorder

Effectiveness of aural toilet in acute otitis externa in primary care

Adjustable Velcro-fastened compression systems for the treatment of venous leg ulcers

Interventions for the management of perceptual disorders following stroke

Strategies for the management of chronic constipation in childhood

Stroke thrombectomy care

Surgical repair of rhegmatogenous retinal detachment

Topics – Likely to be advertised end of March 2018
Bronchodilators and corticosteroids in bronchiectasis
Extended duration haemodialysis
Paediatric wrist fracture - operate or not?
Non-operative vs operative management of unstable ankle fractures
Microsurgical repair of digital nerve injury
Surgical management of pressure ulcers
Radiation therapy for early Dupuytren's disease
Radiotherapy in first-line treatment of diffuse large B-cell lymphoma
Outpatient management of ovarian hyperstimulation syndrome
Rotation of the fetal head at full cervical dilatation
Hysteroscopic removal of retained placenta
Antenatal computerised cardiotocography
Dietary supplementation with calcium for women at high-risk of pre-eclampsia
Foot orthoses for children with symptomatic flat feet
Behavioural intervention to treat anxiety in adults with autism and moderate to severe learning disabilities.
Selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor for treating anxiety in adults with autism
Anticonvulsant augmentation of antipsychotic medication in the management of psychosis
Preventing job loss in people with a long term physical health condition
Routinely used interventions for improving attachment in infants and young children
Nebulised saline to aid sputum expectoration in patients with COPD
Exercise treatment for greater trochanteric pain syndrome
Active case finding of coeliac disease in at-risk groups in primary care
Alternative to the indwelling Foley catheter
Management of isolated or incidental subsegmental pulmonary embolism
Anti-reflux therapy in idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis
Refractory polymyalgia rheumatica
Management of orthostatic hypotension
Cystic fibrosis
Pre-hospital pain management
Frail older people in primary care
The clinical and cost effectiveness of venous thromboembolism (VTE) risk assessment tools

Discontinuation of growth hormone treatment in pubertal children
Strategies for testing and treating TB infection
Radiofrequency denervation for low back pain
Surgical treatment vs conservative management for brain cavernomas
Microstructural scaffold insertion following microfracture for chondral knee defects
Outpatient cervical ripening for induction of labour