

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 **July/early August 2017 (see page 2)** and **Dec 2017**. This document was last updated on **9 June 2017**.

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 an Expression of Interest (EoI) 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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Topic – Likely to be advertised in December 2017

Preoperative ripening of the cervix before operative hysteroscopy

Joint distraction for knee osteoarthritis without alignment correction

Imaging in the management of ankle injuries

Steroid eluting stent or spacer during sinus surgery

Strategies to improve microfracture for the treatment of symptomatic chondral knee defects

Surgery for early osteoarthritis

Letrozole for improving fertility in women with polycystic ovary syndrome

Intervention or expectant management for early onset fetal growth restriction in twin pregnancy

Non-invasive neurally adjusted ventilator assist for neonates requiring respiratory support

Pre-pregnancy weight loss in obese women on LARC

Dose of oxytocin during induction of labour

Intensive day patient versus inpatient treatment for anorexia nervosa in adult specialised eating disorder services

Eye movement desensitisation and reprocessing for post-traumatic stress disorder in people with learning disabilities

Selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor to prevent depression following traumatic brain injury

Therapeutic interventions for self-harm - an individual patient data meta-analysis

Psychosocial intervention for internalised stigma in people with schizophrenia

The effectiveness of early treatment with Amitriptyline for the prevention of post-herpetic neuralgia

Optimising the use of statin therapy in cardiovascular disease prevention

Exercise training for people with pulmonary hypertension

Sputum colour charts to guide antibiotic self-treatment of acute exacerbation of COPD
Prevention and treatment of incontinence-associated dermatitis

Topic – Likely to be advertised towards the end of July/early August
Primary prophylaxis for spontaneous bacterial peritonitis in cirrhosis
Surgical management of necrotic pancreatitis
Management of hidradenitis suppurativa
Surgery or radiosurgery plus whole brain radiotherapy versus surgery or radiosurgery alone for brain metastases
Stereotactic radiosurgery for the treatment of vestibular schwannoma (acoustic neuroma)
Topical treatments for lichen sclerosus of the vulva
Outpatient induction of labour
Interventions for babies born late preterm and early term
Home-blended food for children with gastrostomy tubes
Dequalinium chloride as first-line treatment for bacterial vaginosis
Trauma-focused psychological therapies for post-traumatic stress disorder in psychosis
Psychosocial intervention for parents of young children newly diagnosed with autism
Clozapine for children and young people with treatment resistant schizophrenia
Genetic testing in the management and care of adults with idiopathic intellectual disabilities
Structured physical exercise for depression in adolescents
Smartphone-based ENT endoscopy in primary care for remote specialist consultation
Treatment to target in gout
Motivational interviewing: An overview of systematic reviews and meta-analyses
Short-term benzodiazepines for the acute management of low back pain
The long-term effects of intra-articular corticosteroid injections in osteoarthritis
Optimising management of residual enhancing disease in glioblastoma in routine NHS practice
Early vs late cranial reconstruction (cranioplasty) in patients who have undergone a supratentorial decompressive craniectomy
Treatment vs conservative management for cavernomas