

**SCOTTISH MEDICINES CONSORTIUM (SMC)
(RELEASE OF ECONOMIC CHECKLIST TO INDUSTRY)**

The New Drugs Committee (NDC) economics checklist forms part of the paperwork that is provided to NDC and SMC members in advance of meetings. The economics checklist is a working document that is used by the economics reviewer for summarising the main points of the manufacturer's economics submission and for highlighting the key strengths and weaknesses of the case presented. Consideration of all the information recorded on the checklist allows the economics reviewer to come to a judgement on whether the economics case has been demonstrated or not.

A pilot project was undertaken by SMC to allow the manufacturer to receive the economic checklist for their product on a request basis. Following evaluation of this pilot scheme, and as agreed with the SMC User Group Forum, from October 2009 the economic checklist will now be made available automatically. This will be distributed on the same day as SMC advice is provided to the manufacturer.

Provision of the checklist is for information purposes only.

In accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998 and any other applicable data protection legislation all personal information will be removed from the checklist prior to release.

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