

# An Essential First Step in Market Access for Medicines

## What is UK PharmaScan?

*UK PharmaScan* is a database of information on new medicines, indications and formulations in the pharmaceutical pipeline. It is the primary source of information used by all of the UK's national horizon scanning organisations and NHS England to enable early engagement in planning and preparing the NHS for the introduction of new medicines and to support faster NHS adoption.

### Pharma Companies enter data on new medicines/indications/formulations in the pharmaceutical pipeline:

- From 3 years before UK availability OR start of phase III (whichever is earlier)
- Until available in the UK

Information updated 3-monthly or **immediately for regulatory changes**

### NHS England and UK horizon scanning organisations use the data in:

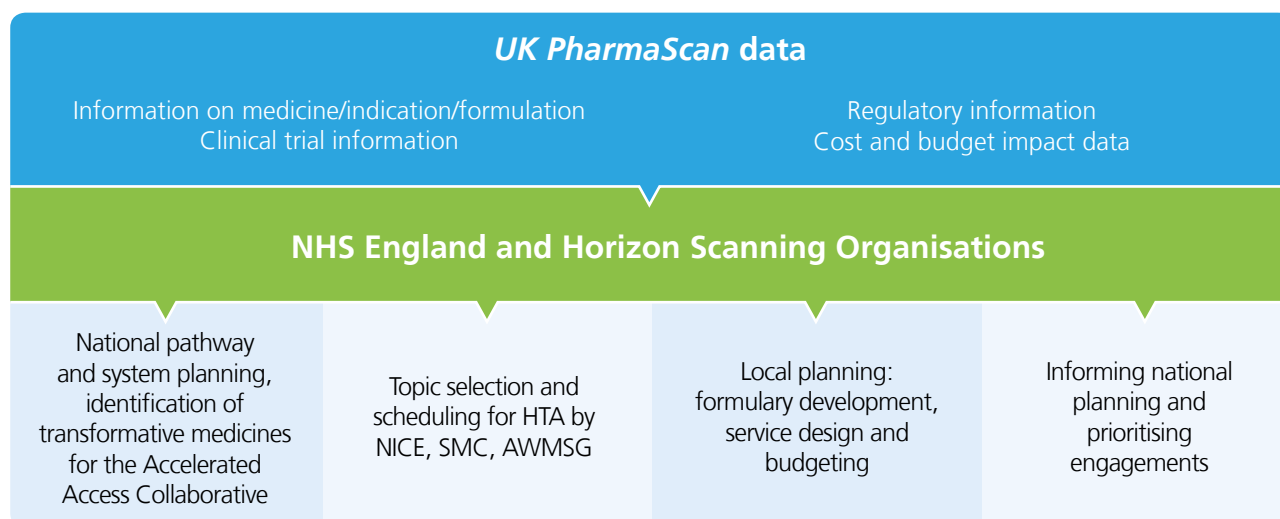
- Pathway and system planning
- Development of health technology appraisal (HTA) schedules
- Production of briefings and resources for the NHS in England, Scotland and Wales

## Why is UK PharmaScan important for your business?

*UK PharmaScan* is an essential first step in securing market access for new medicines. Early engagement and NHS planning have been shown to improve the speed of medicines uptake. Underpinned by the information available through *UK PharmaScan*, this planning relies on regular and comprehensive data entry by product developers.

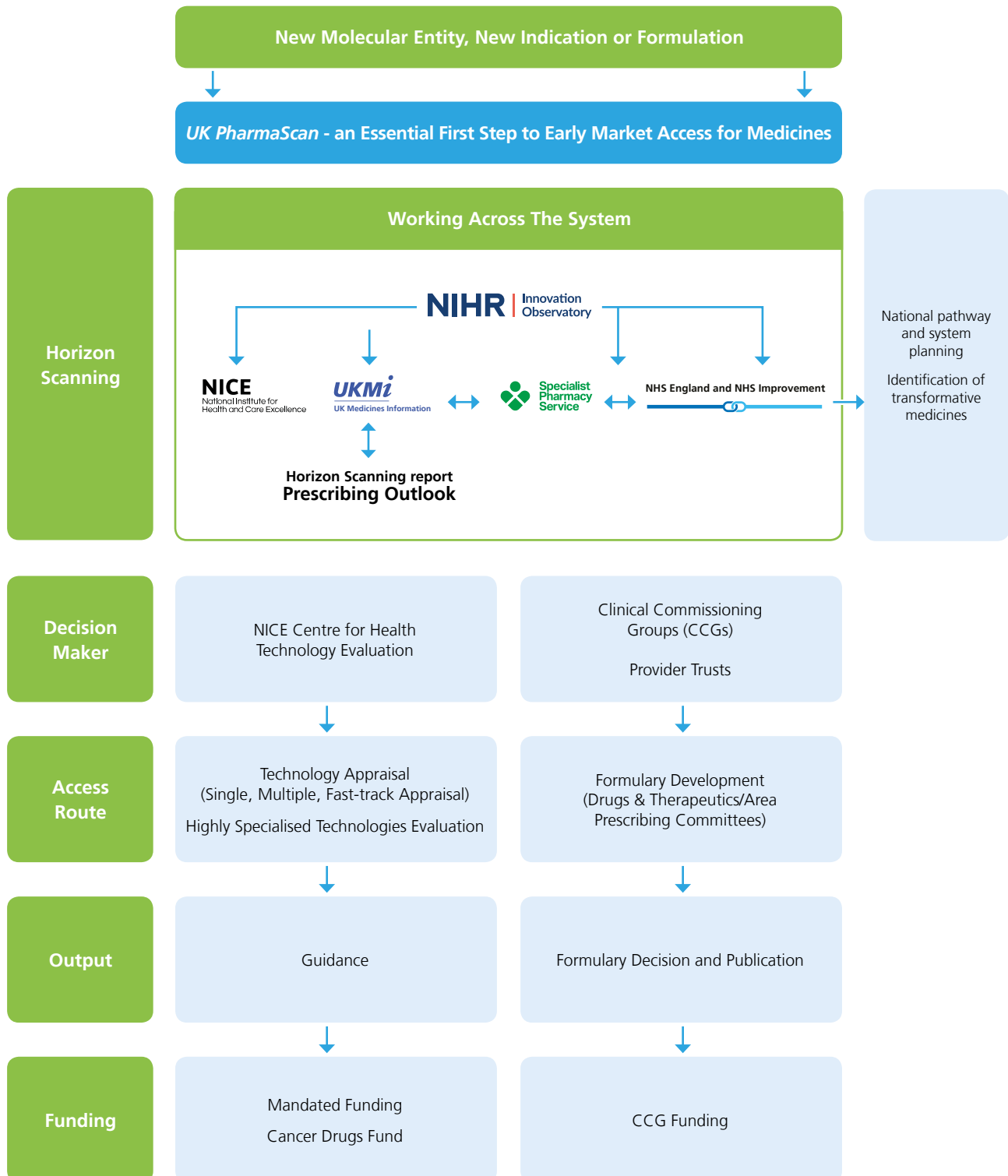
Providing timely and relevant data enables the UK's national horizon scanning organisations to inform key stakeholders in the NHS in England, Scotland and Wales, so they can plan for the introduction of new medicines, indications and formulations. This is essential to ensure the NHS can optimise the delivery of new medicines to patients.

The importance of timely and accurate information is reinforced in the [2019 Voluntary Scheme for Branded Medicines Pricing and Access](#) which restates the shared ambition that the NHS must have complete and accurate information about products coming through the pipeline (paragraphs 3.4-3.9). Pharmaceutical companies are required to provide timely, accurate and comprehensive information on products and indications in development.

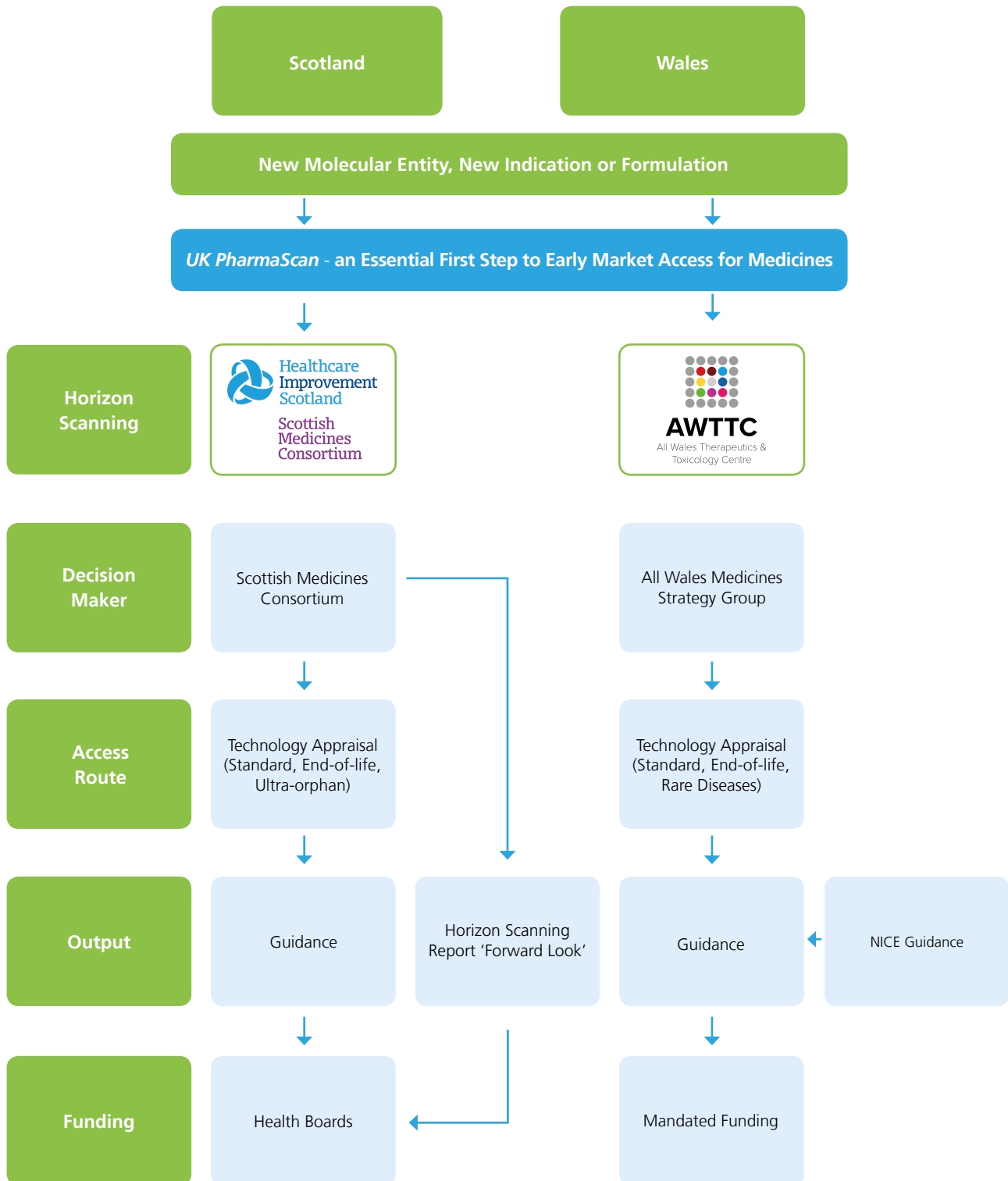


# The Role of *UK PharmaScan* in Optimising Market Access for Medicines

## Market access routes in England



## Market access routes in Scotland and Wales



## What do NHS England and the horizon scanning organisations say?

### **NIHR** | Innovation Observatory

The NIHR Innovation Observatory (NIHRIO) uses *UK PharmaScan* to ensure that information on new and repurposed medicines, that are actively being monitored, is up-to-date and reliable. This allows us to produce timely and accurate horizon scanning intelligence to notify NICE and other national organisations to support decision-making and planning for the future.

### **NHS England and NHS Improvement**

Horizon scanning is a vital tool to understand the future healthcare environment and *UK PharmaScan* is a key source of data to help NHS England plan for future healthcare interventions. *UK PharmaScan* is therefore an essential first step for manufacturers in their market access preparations.



*UK PharmaScan* is a key source of information in the production of our annual horizon scanning report, Forward Look, which informs financial planning for emerging new medicines in all Scotland's Health Boards and National Specialist Services. It also highlights new medicines, indications and formulations for future health technology appraisal in Scotland.

### **NICE** National Institute for Health and Care Excellence

NICE uses *UK PharmaScan* to track licensing information as part of the topic selection, scoping and assessment stages of the Technology Appraisal and Highly Specialised Technologies programmes. This ensures we are able to produce national guidance that enables funding and patient access to medicines within a few months of marketing authorisation.



*UK PharmaScan* is our go-to resource for information on UK pipeline products. It is able to provide data for NHS planning purposes that no other resource can.



Information in *UK PharmaScan* is key in helping us support health boards and trusts across NHS Wales plan for new medicines, indications and formulations, in particular those with significant budgetary and/or service delivery implications.

**How can I find out more about *UK PharmaScan*? Go online at [www.ukpharmascan.org.uk](http://www.ukpharmascan.org.uk)**

### Resources

A comprehensive range of information, guidance, training and examples is available online to support you:  
[www.ukpharmascan.org.uk/static/about](http://www.ukpharmascan.org.uk/static/about)

### Register

To register go to:  
[www.ukpharmascan.org.uk/static/howtoregister](http://www.ukpharmascan.org.uk/static/howtoregister)  
Already registered? Login at:  
[www.ukpharmascan.org.uk/login](http://www.ukpharmascan.org.uk/login)

### Help

The NICE helpdesk is available from 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday to assist with any access or technical issues:  
[contactus@ukpharmascan.org.uk](mailto:contactus@ukpharmascan.org.uk)



### Confidential and secure

Data entered on your medicines are **ONLY** accessible to you, NHS England and the horizon scanning organisations above. All organisations are covered by specific confidentiality provisions in user agreements and robust security safeguards are in place.