

DERBYSHIRE JOINT AREA PRESCRIBING COMMITTEE (JAPC)

Horizon Scanning

Horizon scanning aims to identify **in advance** treatments that may have significant implications for clinical practice, service design or finance that are likely to become available to the NHS. Horizon scanning should also identify potential disinvestments by reviewing evidence on an on-going basis.

Horizon scanning is systematically undertaken for medicines and treatments on an annual basis for commissioning purposes and also undertaken on a monthly basis for new product launches. It is essential that developments and cost pressures are identified early

By horizon scanning for medicines and treatments, providers and commissioners may be able to make proactive commissioning decisions and minimise problems created by in-year requests. This could include making interim policy decisions and financial provision for in-year developments, if necessary

JAPC will consider in year developments at “short notice” where there is a strong clinical impact on clinical outcomes supported by high quality study(ies)