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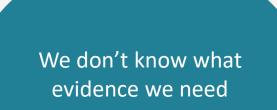
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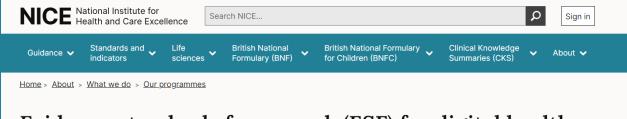
## Developers of AI and Digital



# Adopters of AI and Digital

We don't know what evidence we should be asking for

## NICE evidence standards framework for digital health technologies



#### Evidence standards framework (ESF) for digital health technologies

As digital health technologies (DHTs) develop at an increasing pace, we've On this page worked with stakeholders, system partners and thought leaders to develop standards that ensure new DHTs are clinically effective and offer value to the health and care system: the evidence standards framework (ESF).

#### What is the evidence standards framework?

The ESF is a set of evidence standards for a wide range of DHTs. Evaluators and decision makers in the health and care system can consistently use to help them identify DHTs that are likely to offer benefits to users and to the health and care system.

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- What is the evidence standards framework?
- Who is the ESF for?
- What does the standard help me to do?
- What doesn't the standard help me to do?
- How can I use the framework?
- Who currently uses the framework?
- How was this framework developed?
- Where can I find out more?

**NICE Evidence** Standards Frame 🕨 rk for Digital Tech: what does good evidence look like?

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View the framework

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We don't know what regulation we need

We don't know how to navigate the needs of many decision makers

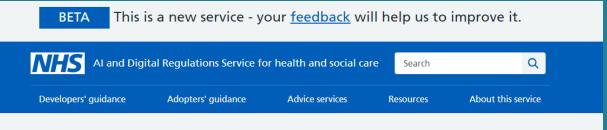
# Adopters of AI and Digital

We don't know how AI and digital technologies should be regulated

> There are gaps in regulation and evaluation

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## **AI and Digital Regulations Service**



#### Understanding regulations of AI and digital technology in health and social care

Learn what regulations to follow and how to evaluate effectiveness, whether you're a 'developer' of AI and digital technology or an 'adopter' who will buy or use them in health and social care.



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**Developers' guidance** 

#### **Regulations for adopters**

Adopters can buy, deploy or use the technology in a health or social care setting.

Adopters' guidance



CareQuality Commission

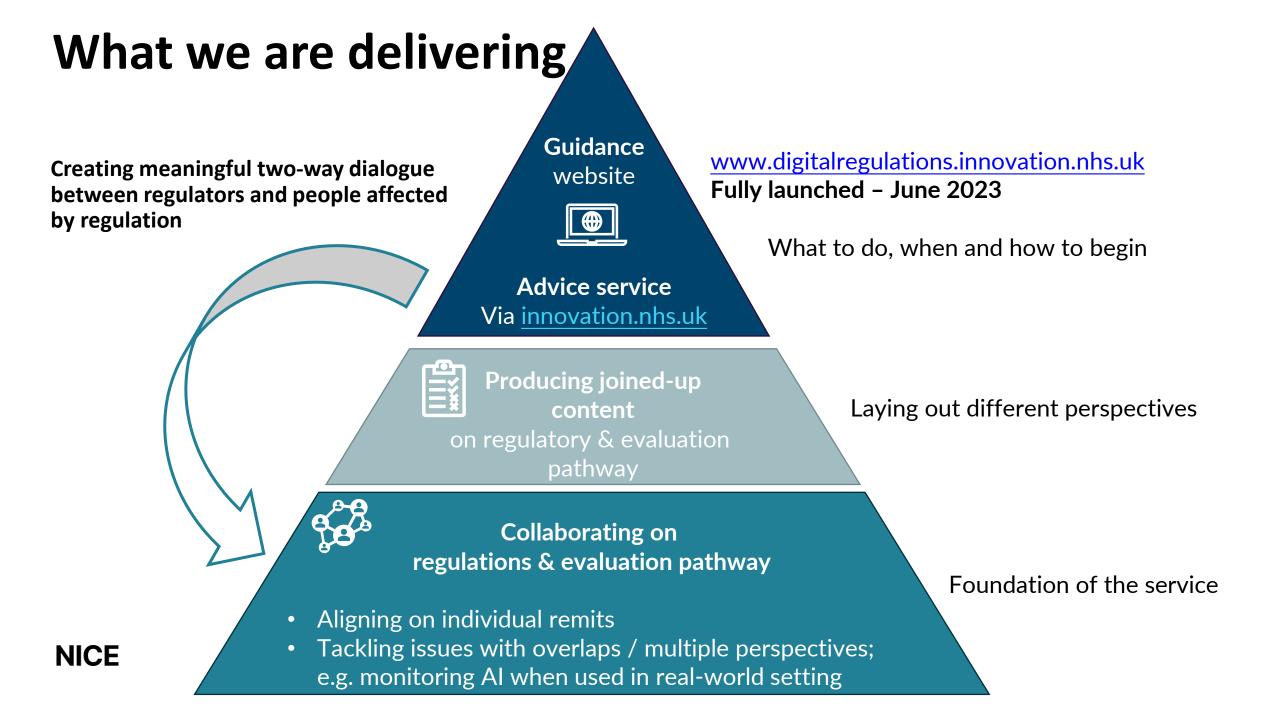
**Regulations for developers** 

Developers, also known as manufacturers, take technologies from an idea into a market-ready

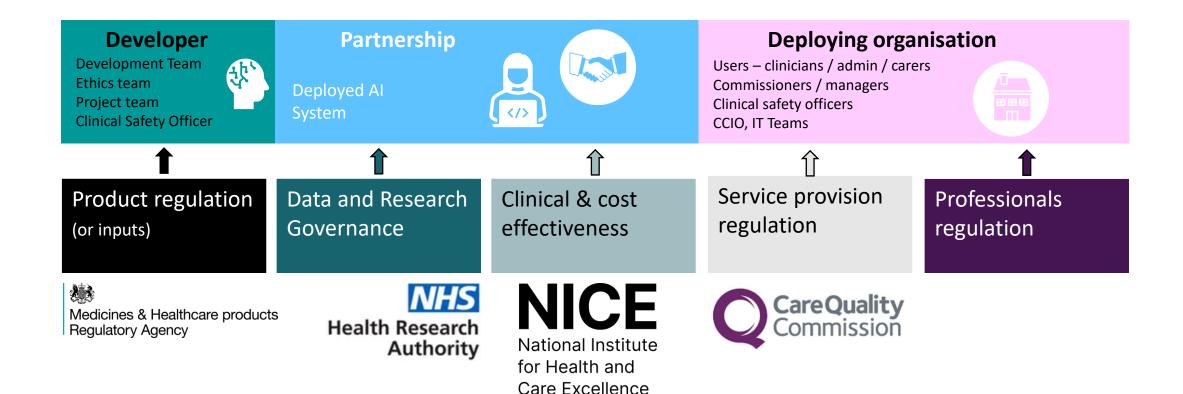
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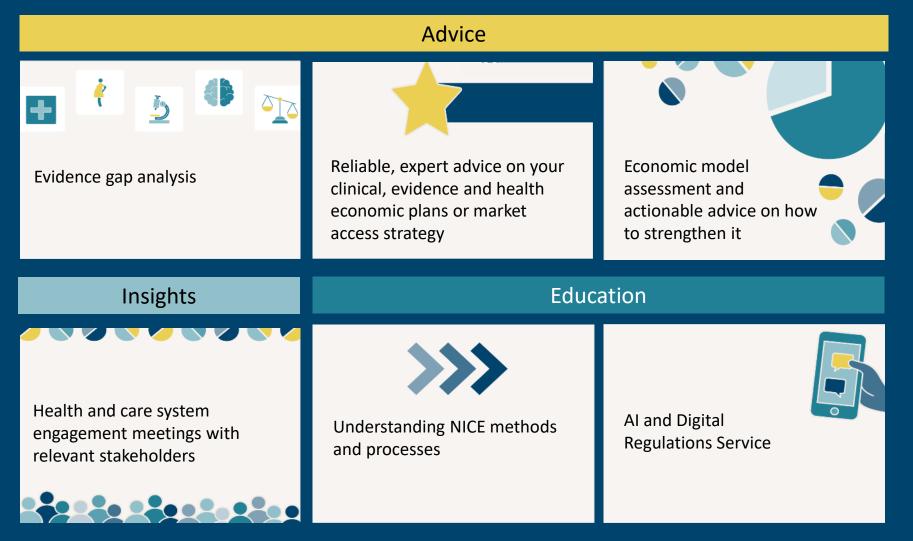
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## Why a cross-organisation perspective is needed



## **NICE Advice: Support services from NICE**



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I'm struggling to get my technology into the NHS

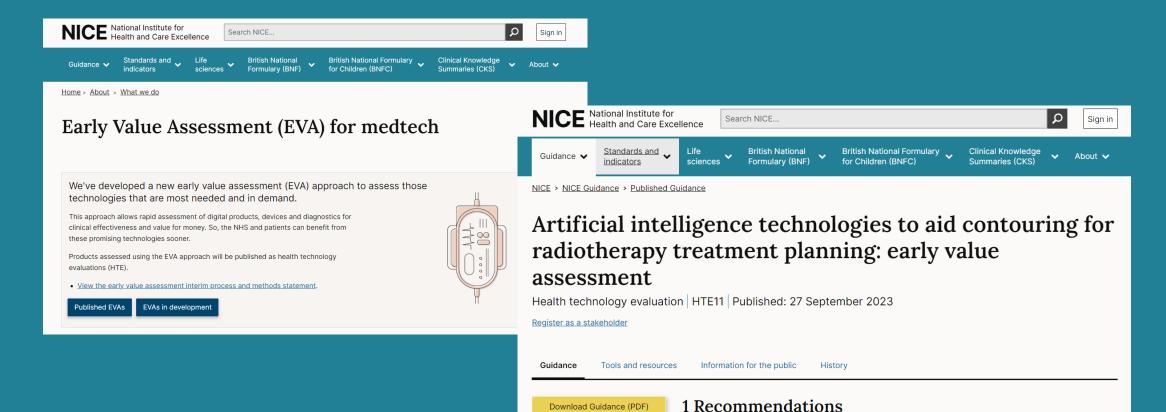
> It is not possible to collect the full evidence package for NICE unless we get access to the NHS

# Adopters of AI and Digital

We need early signals that digital technologies are going to be cost effective

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## **NICE early value assessment**



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Overview

1 Recommendations

3 Committee discussion

2 The technologies

1.1 Nine artificial intelligence (AI) technologies can be used in the NHS while more

professional review of contours.

Assessment Criteria (DTAC) approval:

evidence is generated to aid contouring for radiotherapy treatment planning in people having external beam radiotherapy. Al technologies must be used with healthcare

The following technologies can only be used once they have Digital Technology



- There are resources and support services available to support developers and adopters of AI and digital health technologies
- It is important to plan early so that evidence generation plans meet the needs of both regulators and evaluators
- Collaboration between decision makers in the system is essential to ensure a joined-up pathway to patient access





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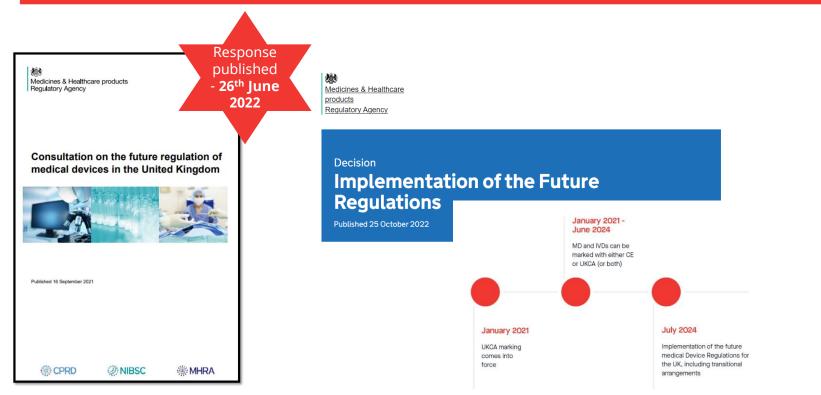




Information presented within this presentation is based on our current understanding of the applicable legislations and information available



#### How did we get here?





#### Standard Implementation of the Future Regulations

Updated 27 April 2023

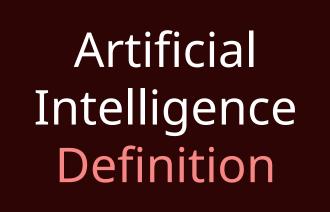
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#### 1. Implementation of the future regulations

The government intends to introduce regulations in future that will implement a substantial reform of the current regulatory framework for medical devices in the UK.

The approach to this reform was outlined in the government response to the 2021 consultation on the future regulation of medical devices in the UK. The government will ensure that there is a proportionate, phased approach to the implementation of the future regulatory framework, which supports system readiness and minimises the risk of supply disruption for UK patients.

This guidance has been updated to reflect that the government is now aiming for core aspects of the future regime for medical devices to apply from 1 July 2025.



#### Artificial Intelligence Systems



Engineered System that generates outputs such as content, forecasts, recommendations or decisions for a given set of human-defined objectives

- BS EN ISO/IEC 22989:2023



A system that is designed to operate with elements of autonomy and that, based on machine and/or human provided data and inputs, infers how to achieve a given set of objectives using machine learning and/or logic and knowledge based approaches, and produces system-generated outputs such as content (generative AI systems), predictions, recommendations or decisions, influencing the environments with which the AI system interacts;

- Article 3(1) of the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down harmonised rules on artificial intelligence (Artificial Intelligence Act) and amending certain Union legislative acts

#### **UK Approach- AI**

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Department for Science, Innovation & Technology Office for Artificial Intelligence

#### Policy paper A pro-innovation approach to AI regulation

Updated 3 August 2023

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#### **National AI Strategy**



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#### Software and AI as a Medical Device Change Programme - Roadmap

Key Aims:

A. The requirements for software and AI as a medical device provide assurance that these devices are acceptably safe and function as intended.

B. The requirements for manufacturers are clear, supported by both clarificatory guidance and streamlined processes.

C. The friction is taken out of the market by working with key partners such as the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) and NHS England to align domestically. Internationally, work with other regulators both bilaterally, and multilaterally through the International Medical Device Regulators Forum (IMDRF) to strengthen international convergence and consensus on software and AI products. WP 1 Qualification
WP 2 Classification
WP 3 Premarket requirements
WP 4 Post Market
WP 5 Cyber Secure Medical Devices
WP 9 AI RIG (AI Rigour)
WP 10 Project Glass Box (AI Interpretability)
WP 11 Project Ship of Theseus (AI Adaptivity)

## Guidance being published

#### WP4-04 Secondary Legislation and Processes

#### Predetermined change control plans and change protocols

More often than not, change in SaMD is to be expected and should be anticipated but current change management procedures can be cumbersome to keep pace with such change.

We will make provision in secondary legislation for predetermined change control plans (PCCPs) for SaMD. Additionally, we will craft a procedure that:

- Details a change management process to anticipate change in software over time and detail how this process links to existing quality management and risk management procedures
- This change management process will be likely to include two primary elements: SaMD Pre-Specification and Algorithm Change Protocol
- Provide details on how to define what metrics to track and how to agree performance 'bands', such that change inside those bands does not have to be reported to MHRA or the Approved Body
- Outline how the change management process itself links to aspects of the product lifecycle to maximise operational effectiveness whilst minimising product risks

We will work with Approved Bodies to jointly develop these plans and procedures. Additionally, wherever possible, we will work with international regulators to develop this into a globally harmonised process.

## Will this make it easier for AI to be regulated?

#### Changes affecting clinical outcomes? New Clinical Data?

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Guidance Crafting an intended purpose in the context of software as a medical device (SaMD) Published 22 March 2023

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Good Machine Learning Practice for Medical Device Development: Guiding Principles

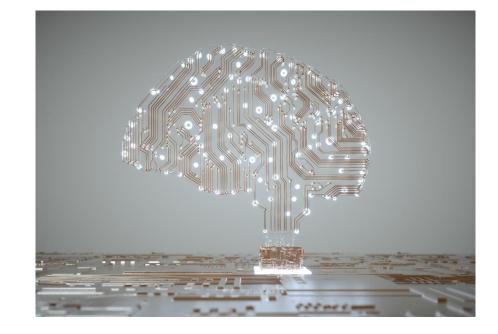
- Jointly produced with FDA and Health Canada
- Promote safe, effective, and high-quality medical devices that use artificial intelligence and machine learning (AI/ML).

Current SOTA for <u>all MDSW (</u>SaMD and SiMD)

## Medical device software – Software life-cycle processes

#### Areas covered:

- General requirements → SW safety classification [A,
  - B, C] → Drives required activities defined in the standard
    - Software development PROCESS
    - Software maintenance PROCESS
  - Software RISK MANAGEMENT PROCESS
  - Software configuration management PROCESS



#### MEDICAL DEVICE SOFTWARE

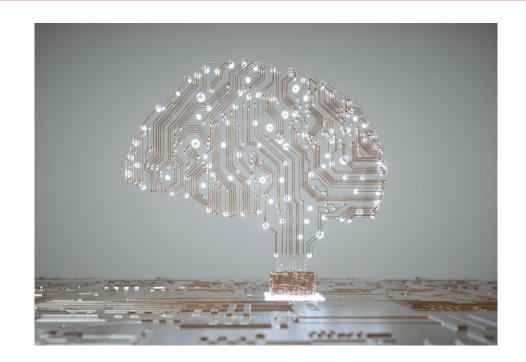
SOFTWARE SYSTEM that has been developed for the purpose of being incorporated into the MEDICAL DEVICE being developed or that is intended for use as a medical device.

#### • Standards- EN 82304-1:2017

Current SOTA for MDSW that is also <u>Health</u> <u>Software</u> (SaMD)

Health Software Part 1: General requirements for product safety Areas covered:

- Health software product requirements
- Health software Software life cycle processes
  - Health software product validation
  - Health software product identification and accompanying documents
- Post-market activities for the health software product



#### **HEALTH SOFTWARE**

Software intended to be used specifically for managing, maintaining, or improving health of individual persons, or the delivery of care

#### Standardization Request- EU

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