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- These high quality materials are designed to save **you** time and provide the assurance of the MTRAC methodology
- Bespoke project undertaken on request

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[www.centrefor medicinesoptimisation.co.uk](http://www.centrefor medicinesoptimisation.co.uk)

#### About us:

MTRAC is an independent committee of Prescribers and other healthcare professionals with an interest in commissioning and medicines optimisation issues. The membership of the Committee includes General Practitioners, a Pharmacist Independent prescriber, a Clinical Pharmacologist, public and patient representation and a Health Economist. A secondary care specialist from a field relevant to the products under discussion is invited to every discussion and decisions are not made without secondary care input. The Committee meets 'virtually' six times per year to consider the evidence for individual products or a particular class of products, with the remit to provide prescribing and commissioning advice.

MTRAC is supported by the Centre for Medicines Optimisation in the Pharmacy School at Keele University, which supplies high-quality evaluations of the clinical evidence to support the Committees' decision-making, and publishes the results of the Committee's discussions as short guidance summaries.



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## The MTRAC process



- Submission of request proforma by:
  - CCGs
  - Heads of Medicines Management
  - NHS personnel in subscriber CCGs
  - Keele performs horizon scanning to identify potentially relevant products



- Collation of requests
- Requests and KCMO horizon scan results circulated to Keele Oversight Group (KOG) and MTRAC members via Google survey for topic selection and prioritisation
- Survey results taken to KOG for ratification and a work programme agreed
- KCMO literature searches and preparation of rapid evidence reviews for agreed topics



- Evidence review and supporting prescribing and economics data presented by KCMO to the MTRAC 'virtual committee' via web or teleconference
- Committee discusses evidence presented in the context of their clinical experience and offers prescribing and commissioning guidance points



- Committee findings translated into 'considerations for commissioners', presented alongside an evidence summary
- 'Considerations for commissioners' sent to relevant product manufacturers for comments as to technical accuracy, and agreed by MTRAC chairman as a true record of opinions offered. Final sign-off lies with the Professor of Prescribing Studies and the Medicines Optimisation Lead
- 'Considerations for commissioners', evidence reviews/summaries and presentation materials disseminated to subscribers and published on the KCMO website