

NHS Clinical Evaluation Team Clinical Pathway



Scope and Definition

Scope:
Every Day Healthcare consumables.
 Products found in the majority of wards, clinics, health centres, treatment rooms and district nurses' bags. Products generally used across a multitude of healthcare settings.

Objective:
 To support efforts to deliver to the NHS high quality everyday Healthcare products, through an independent pathway undertaken for the NHS, by the NHS.

To make it as easy as possible for NHS staff to pick the right product for safe, effective patient care.

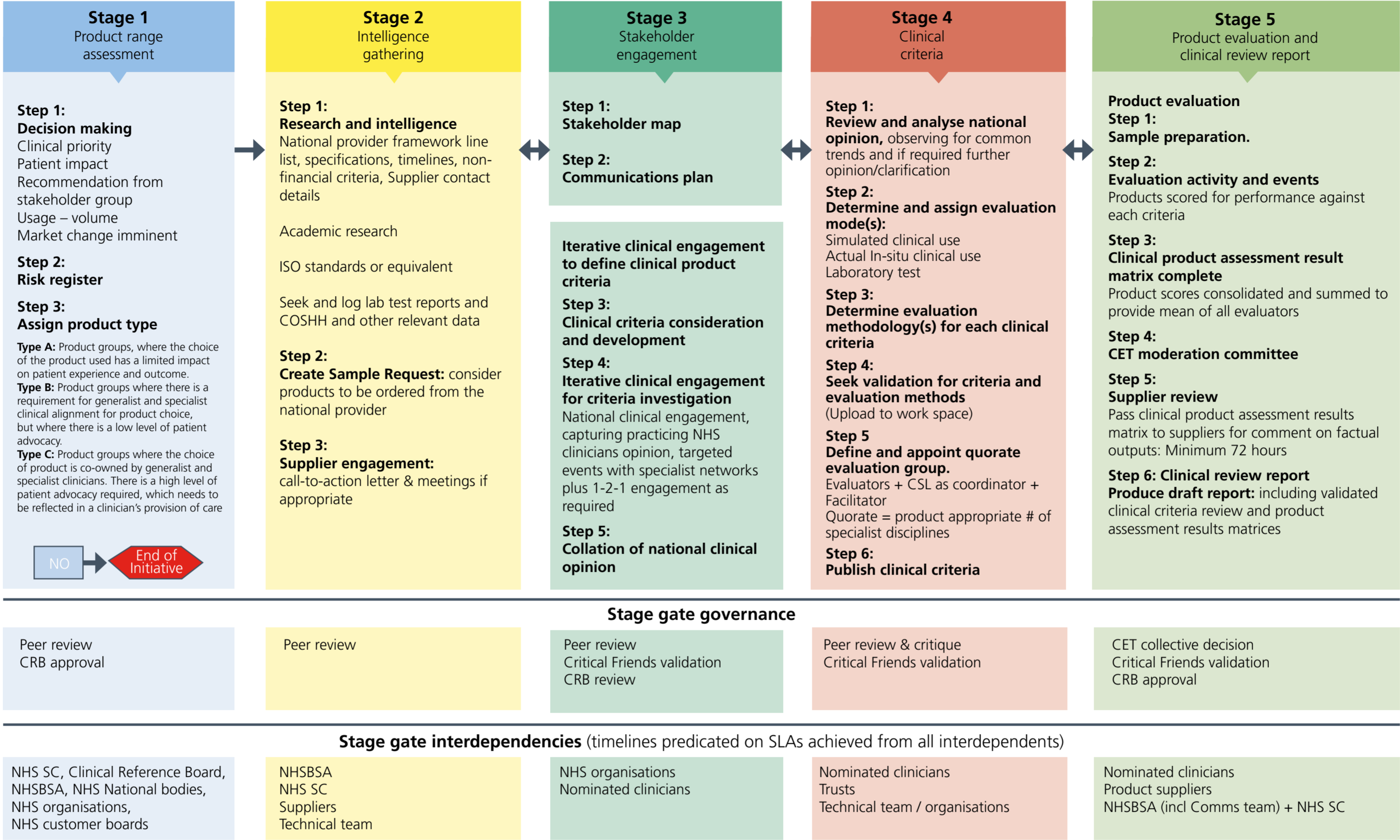
Direction from:

- Clinical Evaluation Team
- Clinical Reference Board
- NHSBSA
- NHS national bodies
- NHS organisations
- NHS Customer Boards

Considerations:

- Everyday healthcare consumable product
- Standardisation
- Technological innovations
- Resilience and sustainability concerns.
- Clinical best practice

Additional clinical products may be evaluated by the team, which are used in high volume and have significant patient impact although not found in the majority of clinical environments. These activities will only be undertaken if agreed by the Clinical Reference Board.



Launch

Output:
 Clinical Review reports to include:
 Product assessment results matrix
 Products scored, but not recommended
 Specialist use functions high-lighted
 Future recommendations where appropriate

We expect that, once created, these reports will be used in a number of contexts:

- By Product Users:** As an aid to selecting the most appropriate product for high quality patient outcomes, to help inform product selection decisions, including understanding which products are, and are not, comparable
- By Product Suppliers:** As market intelligence, which informs them about the NHS Clinical requirements, to help understand how the NHS considers and evaluates their products based upon user requirements, how their products compare to the competition and encourage innovation and improvement;
- By Product Purchasers:** Helping to inform economic purchasing decisions based upon user requirements, To ensure they are buying the right quality products more effectively

Approval:
 Clinical Reference Board

Publication:
 Upload to National CET Website
www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/cet

Action:
 Inform NHS
 Handover to NHSBSA for range hierarchy and national catalogue search criteria

Clinical Evaluation Guidance on timelines:

It is anticipated that clinical specialists may be able to undertake two projects at the same time. The time frame for stages 1-4 will remain the same but additional time will be needed in Stage 5 especially if both projects reach this stage at the same time.

	Stage 1		Stage 2		Stage 3		Stage 4		Stage 5	Total Duration*
Type A product groups	1 week	+	4 weeks	+	6 weeks	+	5 weeks		8 weeks	24 weeks
Type B product groups	1 week	+	4 weeks	+	9 weeks	+	5 weeks		9 weeks	28 weeks
Type C product groups	1 week	+	4 weeks	+	13 weeks	+	5 weeks		10 weeks	33 weeks

*If two projects reach stage five at the same time for a clinical specialist then an additional seven weeks duration will be needed for the second project report to be published