**Supplementary Table 1 Questions posed to INAHTA agencies regarding the development of their HTA products (2010)**

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| **Survey questions presented for each HTA product developed by the responding agency** |
| 1. What is the purpose of this product? 2. Is there a time limit for delivery of this product? Yes/No?   If yes, **what is that limit (in days, weeks, or months)**?   1. **How many publications of this type do you approximately produce per year?** 2. Who is the target audience for this product?\*   Policy maker?  Health professional?  Consumer or patient?  Health service management?  Industry?  Health technology assessors?  Other?  If ‘other’ is selected, please describe.   1. **Which of the nine core HTA domains are addressed by this product?†**   Current use of the technology?  Description and technical characteristics of the technology?  Safety?  Effectiveness?  Costs, economic evaluation?  Ethical aspects?  Organisational aspects?  Social aspects?  Legal aspects?   1. What is the usual background of the individuals who develop this product?‡   Medicine?  Public health?  Pharmacy?  Nursing?  Allied health?  Ethics?  Science?  Research degree/research experience?  Librarian/information management?  Health economics?  Management?  Policy making?  Professional writing?  Biostatistics?  Consumer?   1. How do you typically search for evidence?   **Typical search period:**  6 months?  1 year?  5 years?  10 years?  Since technology was developed?  From inception of database?  Other?  **Databases/sources:**  Clinical evidence?  HTA Database?  CDSR?  DARE?  EuroScan Database?  CENTRAL?  Medline?  PubMed?  Embase?  Tufts Medical Center CEA Registry?  HEED?  Regulatory or reimbursement agencies?  Internet search engines?  Other sources?  If ‘other sources’ is selected, please specify.   1. **Is your full search strategy always reported in this HTA product?** Yes/No? 2. **What tools/checklists do you typically use to critically appraise the evidence you have identified and rate/grade its quality?** If a tool is developed by your own agency, please attach a copy to your questionnaire. 3. **Do you use evidence tables when extracting data from the included studies?** Yes/Sometimes/No? 4. **If you use evidence tables, please identify the main factors that are addressed** and/or attach a copy/template to your questionnaire.¶   Study citation details  Source of funding  Study design  Study population characteristics, e.g. age, gender  Sample size  Description of intervention  Description of comparator or reference standard  Quality appraisal of study (internal validity)  Location/country of origin  Setting of technology use  Outcomes measures in the study  Length of follow-up  Results for each outcome  Clinical importance/relevance of results  Applicability of study results (external validity)  Other  If ‘other’ is selected, please specify.   1. Do you include a section on “Need for more research/Research recommendations”? Yes/Sometimes/No? |
| **Bolding indicates that similar questions were also included in the 2013 survey.**  \*Respondents were asked to select one of the available target audience groups.  †For each of the nine domains considered, respondents were asked to answer ‘Yes’, ‘To some extent’, or ‘No’.  ‡For the available backgrounds, respondents could select more than one.  ¶For the factors listed, respondents could select more than one.  Abbreviations: HTA, health technology assessment; CDSR, Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews; DARE, Database of Abstracts of Reviews of Effects; CENTRAL, Cochrane Central Register of Controlled Trials; CEA, cost effectiveness analysis; HEED, (NHS) Health Economic Evaluations Database. |