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Covid-19 Procedures) 12/20
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Dear Colleagues

**Department of Health endorsement process for NICE Technology Appraisal
Guidance.**

On 31st March 2020, the Department issued circular HSC (SQSD) (NICE Covid-19 Procedures) 12/20 (see <https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/publications/department-health-endorsement-process-nice-guidance-during-covid-19-emergency-including-nice-rapid>), which suspended until further notice circular 'HSC (SQSD) 2/13 - NICE Technology Appraisals process for the endorsement, implementation, monitoring and assurance of NICE Technology Appraisals (see <https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/publications/dhssps/hsc-sqsd-2-13.pdf>).

The Department is now in a position to reinstate HSC (SQSD) 2/13 – the process for NICE Technology Appraisals.

NICE rapid COVID-19 guidelines will continue to be processed as per Circular HSC (SQSD) (NICE Covid-19 Procedures) 12/20.

Any queries regarding these procedures can be directed to the Quality Regulation, Policy Legislation branch at SGU-NICEGuidance@health-ni.gov.uk or directly to Steven.White@health-ni.gov.uk

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Donna Ruddy". The signature is fluid and elegant, with a large loop at the end of the last name.

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