

# **HITF STRATEGIC IMPLEMENTATION GROUP**



**FINAL MEETING  
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**DRAFT REPORT – KEY  
ISSUES**

# DRAFT SIG REPORT

- Developed further since last SIG meeting
- Near final version for discussion and agreement
- Key elements :
  - Executive summary provides overview
  - Main body of report details issues, progress
  - 6 draft recommendations
  
- Publication : **6 March**

# Executive Summary



- Covers key areas of SIG's work as reflected in report
  - Progress on HITF implementation
  - Challenges encountered
  - Achievements
  - Way forward
  
- Highlights and recommendations

# Main body of report

- Background and SIG's role
- 9 key HITF outputs - progress, challenges and future direction
- Metrics – latest figures annexed to report
- Draft recommendations – for approval

# Recommendation 1

- **Procurement of technology and innovation within the NHS**
- As discussed earlier on agenda
- Follows closely HITF output on procurement processes
- Is also relevant to HITF output on device evaluation – role of CEP still evolving

# Recommendation 2

- **SME support**
- Builds on industry experience and links to Government policy, especially regional policy
- Should identify success factors to establish what support measures may be necessary

# Recommendation 3

- **Inward investment and trade development**
  
- Builds on HITF output on export strategy and links to HITF conclusion on inward investment
  
- And goes further, reflecting
  - new *UK Trade & Industry* strategy
  - Realisation that segmentation is required - SMEs have different needs from potential inward investors

# Recommendation 4

- **Measurement & analysis of UK healthcare industry environment**
- Picks up on HITF conclusion about data
- Improved competitiveness and performance statistics
- Further review to improve understanding of what makes companies grow and innovate

# Recommendation 5

- **Europe**
- European Commission's initiative on competitiveness of industry
- UK participation in shaping eventual outputs
- Sharing HITF model and experience at EU level

# Recommendation 6

- **Future mechanism for Government / industry engagement**
- Strategic forum
- Proposals to be developed jointly