

HTC WORKING GROUP

PROPOSED TERMS OF REFERENCE (FOR APPROVAL)

To provide the HITF Strategic Implementation Group (SIG) with:

- a fully worked-up definition of an HTC and its outputs;
- proposed criteria for designation of HTC status;
- an options appraisal of the process for selection of the pilot, with recommended approach;
- proposed criteria for evaluating the success of the pilot;
- options for funding the pilot, with recommended approach;
- proposals on next steps should the pilot be deemed successful.

The proposals presented to the SIG will include a project plan **to be delivered by 11 November 2005** and be informed by a consideration of:

- how HTCs would interface with the clinical research networks being established via the UK Clinical Research Collaboration;
- ongoing initiatives, to ensure that an existing mechanism for delivery of HTCs-type outputs is not already available or could easily be adapted
- lessons learned from any existing HTC-type organisation, including international comparators
- how HTCs would interface with the Devices Evaluation Service and NHS Institute for Innovation and Improvement, including the National Innovation Centre, Faraday/Knowledge Transfer Network, MediLinks and Health Technology Device Programme
- effective interfaces with Innovation Hubs and Regional Development Agencies