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| **Date of Meeting:** | 16 September 2015 |

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| **Title of Paper:** | Evaluation of the ‘Single Pharmacy Technical Review’ pilot undertaken in collaboration with Cancer Research UK and the UK Experimental Cancer Medicine Centres |
| **Purpose of Paper:** | The HRA and Cancer Research UK (CRUK) have collaborated to initiate a process of single technical pharmacy reviews within the UK Experimental Cancer Medicine Centres (ECMCs). CRUK have undertaken a programme of activities to streamline the set-up and delivery of studies through the ECMCs. One component of that programme was to focus on pharmacy and radiation aspects of the studies run through these centres.  As part of its remit to streamline and coordinate the research process, HRA welcomed the opportunity to test a process that could in due course be rolled out more widely. CRUK and HRA therefore jointly designed a process for single technical reviews. When the Department of Health approved the HRA’s business case for implementing HRA Approval as a new simplified process for study set-up, it was recognised that the pharmacy and radiation technical reviews would in due course be incorporated into the HRA Approval process.  The collaborative project on pharmacy technical reviews with CRUK (termed the Single Technical Pharmacy Review project by CRUK) was therefore established as a formal pilot undertaken from August 2014 to April 2015. This report evaluates the outcome of that pilot. |
| **Reason for Submission:** | For information and Board discussion |
| **Details:** | See paper |
| **Time required for item:** | **10** |

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