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## ABHI Welcomes Government Response to Accelerated Access Review

The Association of British Healthcare Industries (ABHI) today welcomes the Government's response to the Accelerated Access Review (AAR). From April 2018, selected technologies will begin a process which could make them available up to four years earlier. The move will significantly speed up the time taken for patients to access life-saving MedTech.

ABHI works with key NHS figures and national organisations to bring changes to the adoption landscape. The association led the MedTech industry input into the review and the response contains several positive measures for the sector, many of which were the consequence of continued ABHI contributions during the development of the review and its recommendations.

Commenting on the review ABHI CEO Peter Ellingworth *"ABHI welcomes the Government's response to the Accelerated Access Review and is pleased to see key MedTech recommendations reflected. Delivering a consistent set of national, regional and local routes to market will support the diverse nature of the MedTech sector and help ensure that NHS patients have improved access to new technologies. Providing greater central alignment through the Accelerated Access Collaborative is an important step to speed innovations through the varied support programs."*

ABHI will continue to work with the Government, the NHS and Member companies to maximise the impact of the measures the review highlights.

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### About the ABHI

The Association of British Healthcare Industries (ABHI) is the industry association for the medical technology sector in the UK. The ABHI's mission is to champion the benefits and use of safe and effective medical technologies to deliver high quality patient outcomes. With over 260 members, the ABHI leads the advocacy of the industry in order to advance access to medical technology. Our membership includes some of the leading multinational businesses in the sector in the UK right the way through to small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs). For further information, visit the ABHI website: [www.abhi.org.uk](http://www.abhi.org.uk)

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