

## Minutes of the Supplier Advisory Panel Meeting Wednesday 13 May 2026

This meeting was held online from 3.00pm to 4.00pm.

### **Present:**

#### **Members:**

Michaela Lion (AbbVie) – Chair  
Liz Naylor (AstraZeneca)  
Kate King (Medtronic)  
Francis Lawes (Pfizer)  
Lindsay Ancelet (GSK)  
Kylie Earle (Sanofi)  
Matt Needham (Roche)

#### **Reset Programme staff:**

Becky Littlewood (Programme Coordinator)  
Danielle Campbell (Reset Project Manager)

#### **Pharmac staff attendees:**

Ben Campbell-Macdonald (Manager, Pharmaceutical Assessment)  
Caro De Luca (Manager Expert Advisory)  
Ginette Spence (Senior Project Manager, Medical Devices)  
Claire Pouwels (Manager, Pharmaceutical Funding)  
Hannah Burgess (Principal Policy Advisor)

#### **Apologies:**

Angela Pantano (Roche)  
Jannel Fisher (Reset Programme Manager)

#### **Karakia and welcome**

The meeting was opened by the Chair.

#### **Minutes of previous meeting**

Minutes of the previous minutes were approved.

- Moved by: Michaela
- Seconded by: Kate

#### **Action items**

- Action items were noted.

#### **Interest register**

- No new interest declarations.

#### **Consumer applications**

Pharmac facilitated a discussion on potential opportunities to improve the consumer funding application process in the future, including the possible role of suppliers in supporting consumers.

Members noted there may be scope to provide limited support in some circumstances but highlighted the need for clear expectations or guidance and careful consideration to avoid unintended consequences.

There was broad agreement that consumer applications play a valuable role in enabling consumers to advocate for access to treatments and products.

### **Timely assessments**

Members were provided with an update on work to simplify and standard the description of the funding application process and were invited to provide further feedback following the meeting.

Pharmac also shared updates on efforts to improve the predictability and timeliness of assessments. Members emphasised the importance of continuing to reduce the current backlog of historic applications and highlighted the need for clear and consistent communication with external stakeholders, including suppliers, to explain the objectives and progress of this work.

#### *Action:*

- *Members agreed to discuss the process descriptions offline and collate their feedback for Pharmac to consider.*

### **General business**

Members suggested that external stakeholder messaging on timely assessments, as well as discussion of the outcome of the 2026 Budget, could be useful topics for a future meeting.

#### *Action:*

- *Pharmac to work with the Chair to schedule the suggested agenda items.*

Close of meeting at 4.00pm.

Next meeting: 8 June 2026.