

	Primary studies included	Systematic reviews included	Literature search	Risk of bias assessment	Meta-analysis or other synthesis	GRADE	Health economy	Ethics	External review	Timeline months
SBU Assessment	Yes, assessment of primary studies	May be included as part of the evidence base	Comprehensive, structured	Yes	Meta-analysis, SWIM, or qualitative synthesis	If applicable	May be included	Usually included	Peer reviewed (two or more independent experts)	18-24
SBU Evidence map	May include mapping of primary studies	May include mapping of systematic reviews	Comprehensive, structured	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	12
SBU Policy support	May include primary studies	May include systematic reviews	Comprehensive, structured	Yes	May include meta-analysis	May be applied	If specified in the assignment	If specified in the assignment	May be applied	6-9
SBU Commentary	SBU does not scrutinize the individual studies on which the review is based.	Commentary on an existing systematic review	Comprehensive, structured	Yes, quality assessment of reviews (ROBIS)	No	May be re-assessed by SBU	Health economics in existing systematic review may be commented	No	May be applied	3-6
SBU Enquiry service	May include mapping of primary studies	Include systematic reviews	Structured	RoB assessment of systematic reviews	No	No	May be included	May be included	May be applied	1/2-3
Prioritisation of scientific evidence gaps	N/A	May include reference to systematic review	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	May include ethical arguments in discussion	Yes	12
Evidence gap	N/A	May include reference to systematic review	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	-

Glossary and abbreviations:

Bias = A systematic error that may distort the results of a study because of weaknesses in its design, analysis, or reporting (<https://htaglossary.net/bias?highlight=bias>);

N/A = Not applicable; **PICO** = Population, Intervention, Comparison, Outcome; **RoB** = Risk of bias; **SWIM** = Synthesis Without Meta-analysis