

# Café Scientifique Headingley

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at 7:30pm

**Speaker:** Tom Patton

**Title:** Examining the Economic Case for Drugs and Medical Treatments in the NHS



**Outline:** The National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) was established in 1999 with a remit to tackle the observed ‘postcode lottery’ in drug prescriptions across different health authorities in England and Wales. To accomplish this objective, NICE issues evidence-based recommendations regarding the uptake of new drugs (and other medical technologies) in the NHS.

Recommendations issued by NICE are conditional on the availability of robust evidence demonstrating that the new treatments deliver *value for money*. Consequently, pharmaceutical and medical device companies are required to submit evidence showing the cost-effectiveness of their products relative to usual care, if they hope to see these products reimbursed by the NHS.

Any evidence submitted to NICE is expected to adhere to a methodological framework that was established to promote consistency across appraisals. However, this framework has been heavily scrutinised by a number of stakeholders including policy-makers, researchers, patient groups and representatives from industry. Tom will discuss various aspects around this debate, in particular the criteria used to define *value for money*.

**Biog:** Dr Tom Patton is a Research Fellow at the University of York. He completed his PhD studies at the University of York in 2015. His thesis looked at the use of self-reported quality of life questionnaire data, collected in patients, for the purposes of assessing the value of drugs and other medical technologies.

**Venue:** The New Headingley Club, 56 St Michael's Rd., Leeds LS6 3BG

**Time:** Club opens at 7:00pm for drinks & the room at 7:30; talk begins promptly at 7:45pm

**Entry:** Donation please for room hire and expenses: **£3 at the door**



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