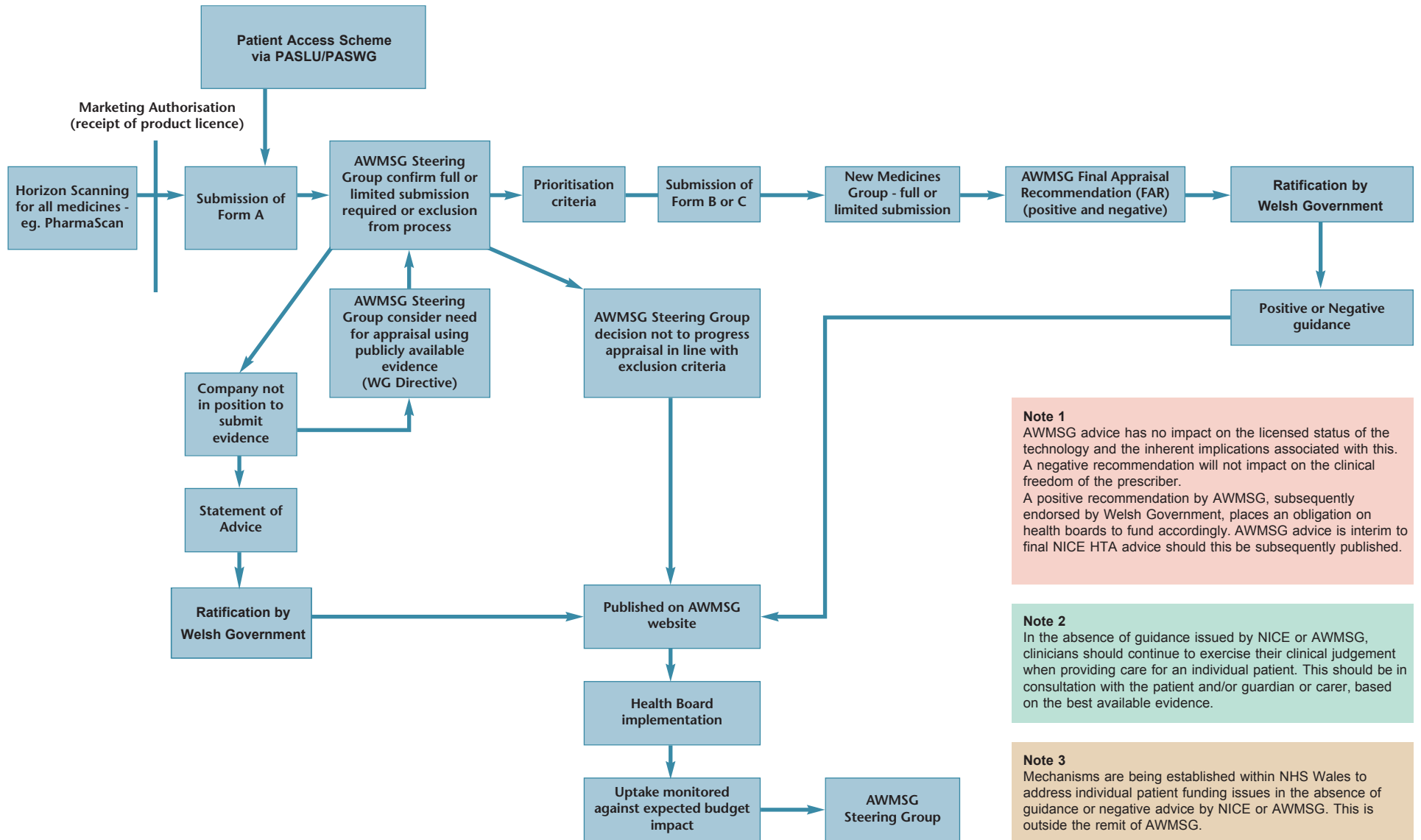


A flow chart outlining the appraisal principles and process



Note 1
 AWMSG advice has no impact on the licensed status of the technology and the inherent implications associated with this. A negative recommendation will not impact on the clinical freedom of the prescriber. A positive recommendation by AWMSG, subsequently endorsed by Welsh Government, places an obligation on health boards to fund accordingly. AWMSG advice is interim to final NICE HTA advice should this be subsequently published.

Note 2
 In the absence of guidance issued by NICE or AWMSG, clinicians should continue to exercise their clinical judgement when providing care for an individual patient. This should be in consultation with the patient and/or guardian or carer, based on the best available evidence.

Note 3
 Mechanisms are being established within NHS Wales to address individual patient funding issues in the absence of guidance or negative advice by NICE or AWMSG. This is outside the remit of AWMSG.