AIM: To develop a brief economic commentary for inclusion in ‘Background’ and ‘Discussion’ sections.

Design and execute supplementary search of HEED for purposively selected cost-of-illness studies to inform development of background material re. economic burden of health condition – present in ‘Background’

Specify eligibility criteria for EEs:
P – Populations; I – Intervention; C – Comparators
(Replicates P, I and C in parallel review of evidence for intervention effects)

Search for eligible EEs:
SR of EEs only: Apply EE study design filter to search strategies for studies of effects (contingent on decision re. scope)
Design and execute supplementary searches of NHS EED and HEED databases

Select eligible EEs based on:
BEC: P, I, C eligibility criteria
SR of EEs: P, I, C, O, S eligibility criteria

Classify eligible EEs by type of EE (CEA, CUA, CBA, Cost analysis) and analytic framework (single study or decision model)

Collate corresponding NHS EED structured abstracts and HEED records of eligible EEs to supplement full-text study reports

Collect data from eligible EEs:
BEC: Selected summary study characteristics and results
SR of EEs: Pre-specified detailed study characteristics and results

Develop brief (narrative) economic commentary summarising selected characteristics and principal results of eligible EEs, with appropriate caveats - present in ‘Discussion’
SEE FIGURE 3

Develop narrative synthesis summarising detailed characteristics and results of eligible EEs - present in ‘Results’
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AIM: To critically appraise and summarise current evidence on the [resource use/ costs/ and cost-effectiveness] associated with [intervention or comparison] for [health problem] for/in [types of people, disease or problem and setting if specified]

Specify measures of resource use, costs and/or cost-effectiveness to be included as additional ‘types of outcomes’ alongside measures of effects

Decide on scope:
1. EEs conducted alongside eligible studies of effects (P, I, C)
2. 1 + EEs based upon effects data sourced from eligible studies of effects (P, I, C)
3. All EEs (P, I, C)