

# Strengthening Patient and Public Involvement in Health Technology Assessment

## Background:

- 2014 - Scottish Medicines Consortium (SMC) review of public involvement activities

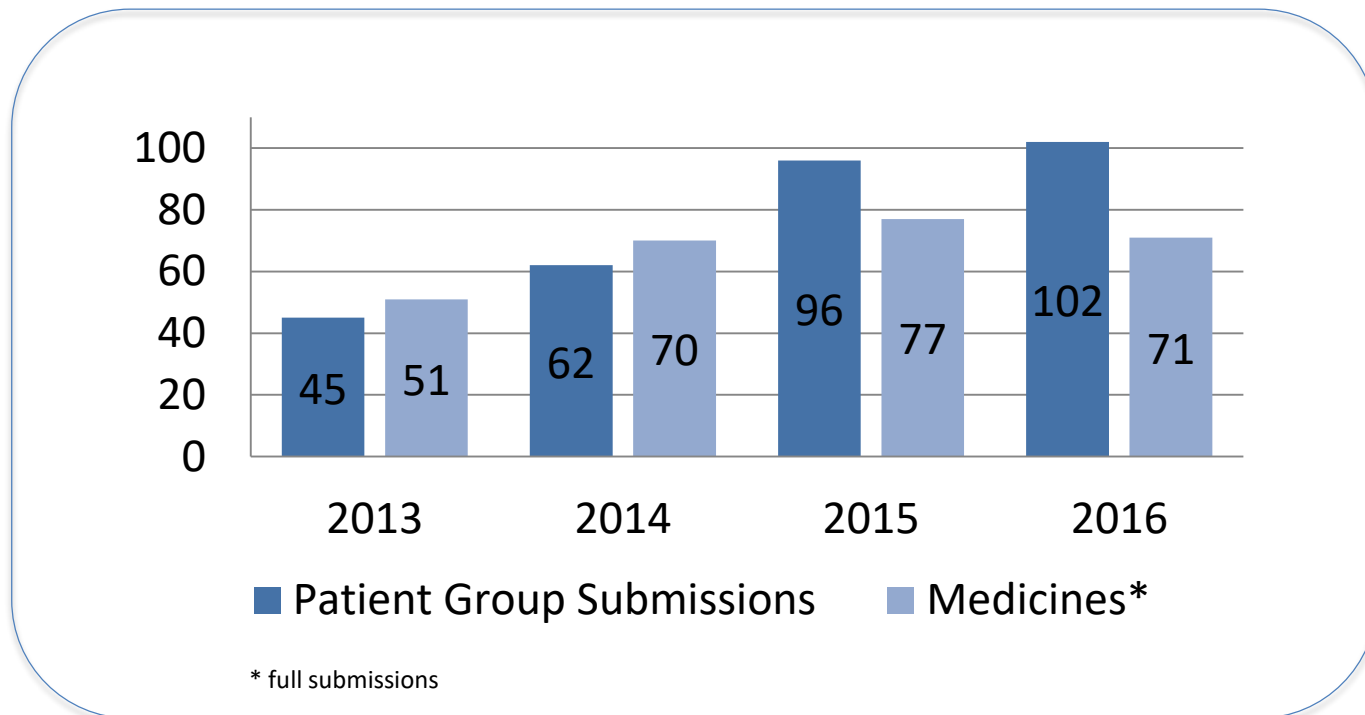
## Key Discussion Points:

- Supporting patient group submissions
- Increasing awareness of opportunities to submit
- Improving the experience of public involvement

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## Increase in Number of Patient Group Submissions



*“The increased emphasis on public involvement over the last few years has led to higher quality and a greater number of Patient Group submissions. This gives me, as a committee member, reassurance that I am as well informed as possible about the impact to patients and carers when making decisions about new medicines”.*

SMC Committee Member, 2017

*“Thanks for everything. We are delighted with the result which I believe is the right one both for patients and for the NHS. I can also say that it is a great demonstration to me, having spent the past 3 years all over Europe discussing HTA's incorporation of patient views, of how this process can really work well. Actually, I would have said the same thing even if the decision had been different - regardless of the outcome we all felt that our views were being taken seriously by SMC and in that context we would have respected the decision either way.”*

Russell Wheeler, Trustee, LHON Society (Patient Group Partner), 2017