

## **The Terms of Reference of the HTA are to:**

- describe the diagnostic tests for detection of HCV and the first-line treatments available in Ireland
- examine the current evidence of effectiveness and safety of testing for HCV
- describe the epidemiology of HCV and HCV genotypes in Ireland (including the estimated prevalence in the birth cohort)
- review the clinical effectiveness of HCV direct-acting antiviral (DAA) treatment
- conduct a systematic literature review on the cost effectiveness of HCV testing
- estimate the cost effectiveness, resource implications and budget impact of birth cohort testing for HCV in the Irish cohort born between 1965 and 1985
- consider any wider organisational, ethical or societal implications that birth cohort testing for HCV may have for patients, the general public or the healthcare system in Ireland
- based on this assessment, advise on whether birth cohort testing for HCV should be implemented in Ireland.