

DIABETES INNOVATION AND IMPROVEMENT FUND

An Innovation and Improvement Fund (IIF) has been established by the Diabetes Regional Oversight Group to support the implementation of the Diabetes Strategic Framework. It is intended that the fund will be administered by the Diabetes Network and that it will exist in the years 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19, at which stage it will be reviewed.

The purpose of the fund is to encourage innovators and early adopters to test ideas and changes in a way which can benefit the whole community. It will be one vehicle for intentionally learning about partnership working and about other enablers of change. It should send out a strong signal that the framework is not static but is dynamic and open to change.

Whilst the overall aim is to support implementation of the framework, the specific objectives are:

- to give traction to innovators and early adopters across the diabetes community
- to help embed habits of improvement and
- to establish collaboration and sharing learning as a community norm.

The total funding available under the IIF in 2017/18 will be £60,000.

We are currently seeking applications for IIF funding awards. The award is intended to encourage innovation, early adoption and the scale and spread of what works. It is therefore envisaged that the award would be used to support the development and/or testing of an innovation or an improvement idea or to support the scale and spread of good practice. Individual awards of £1,000-£2,000 will be made to successful applicants, however, awards up to £5,000 may be made on an exceptional basis.

Closing date for receipt of completed applications is Monday 18 December 2017.

Decision-making

The final date for receipt of completed applications is **on or before 5.00pm on Monday 18th December 2017**. It is hoped that a decision with regard to successful applications will be announced by **mid-January 2018**.

Making Your Application

In applying for an IIF award, your application should set out

1. What you intend to achieve
2. How you will know a change is an improvement
3. What ideas for change you already have that you wish to test
4. How your ideas relate to the themes set out in the Diabetes Strategic Framework

Criteria:

The basis for assessing award applications will consist of the following:

a. Evidence of partnership:

- What difference do you expect to make for people living with diabetes?
- What do people living with Diabetes think about your proposal?
- How have they been involved to date?
- How will they contribute in future?

b. Evidence of teamwork:

- Who else is involved in this work?

c. Evidence of a learning system:

- Have you ongoing arrangements to share what you learn outside your immediate team / setting / organisation?
- Have you thought about how this work could be translated to other settings if it proves successful?

Timescale:

The award will be available for spending within this financial year and the timescale for the initiative must take account of this.

Submission:

Completed application forms are to be emailed to Olivia.fox@hscni.net. Alternatively, post to Mrs Olivia Fox, Business Support Manager, HSCB, Tower Hill, Armagh, BT61 9DR.