**Safety Innovation Challenge Fund 2020–21**

**Themed call: Patient Safety at home**

After the success of our first Safety Innovation Challenge Fund, the NIHR Yorkshire and Humber Patient Safety Translational Research Centre (PSTRC) is now inviting applications for Safety Innovation Challenge Fund Round 2.

**What is the Safety Innovation Challenge Fund?**

The Safety Innovation Challenge fund aims to promote collaborative working between clinicians, academics and patients to identify and test innovations that address patient safety priorities. The fund is available for projects that are early translational in nature, applying models, concepts or theories in a new way to patient safety research.

The 2020-21 fund has a total value of up to £40,000 and will award up to £10,000 to research teams to deliver a project within 12 months. Teams can also request research expertise support if they have a project that they wish to implement but do not have sufficient research expertise on their team.

The benefits of the Safety Innovation Challenge Fund are:

* Teams can access flexible funding to get a project up and running quickly.
* Teams can bid for research support from our in-house patient safety researchers.
* The PSTRC will support the dissemination of your research through our website, patient safety conference.
* Teams can access the PSTRC Safety in Numbers patient involvement group to help develop ideas and implementation plans in collaboration with patients and the public
* Funds are awarded quickly so that you can start your research project rapidly.

You can register for the [**Safety Innovation Challenge Web Event**](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/safety-innovation-challenge-fund-webinar-tickets-116086559023) to learn more about this call and to discuss your project ideas. The event will be held virtually as a webinar on 29th September 2020 at 10am -12pm. You can r[egister here](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/safety-innovation-challenge-fund-webinar-tickets-116086559023).

Find out more here:

**Themed call**

The theme for the 2020-2021 Safety Innovation Challenge Fund is patient safety at home. This is a broad theme encompassing research into patient safety across health and social care including: home healthcare, informal care, interfaces of healthcare and social care, virtual wards and emergency care received at home. We are also interested in strategies to avoid admissions to hospital.

**Eligible applicants**

To be eligible for funding, teams need to include staff from NHS and/or social care organisations and /or Universities in Yorkshire and Humber. We also encourage teams to include patients and carers.

**Making an application**

You should apply by completing and sending the application form to Lucy Chapman [Lucy.Chapman@bthft.nhs.uk](mailto:Lucy.Chapman@bthft.nhs.uk). Questions about applications can also be sent to Lucy Chapman. Applications must be submitted no later than **30th November 2020.**

**Applying for research expertise**

You can include in your application a request for support from our PSTRC research team in research design, data collection, data analysis, and / or dissemination. Please detail your request in the ‘Costs’ section.

**Assessment criteria**

Your application will be assessed on the following criteria by a panel comprising members of the PSTRC executive group and patient Lay Leaders:

* The potential of your project to improve patient safety.
* Whether your project is early translational in nature – i.e. it explores concepts, theories and methods that may have a role in increasing the safety of care but have not yet been developed or fully exploited.
* Your project’s fit with the themed call.
* Measurability of your objectives and planned patient safety outcomes / deliverables.
* The clarity of the concepts, theories and / or models underpinning your work.
* Deliverability of the project within the timeframe and clarity of your milestones.
* The suitability of your research plan in the COVID-19 situation.
* Your patient and public involvement plan.
* The suitability of your project team (backgrounds and specialisms).

**Timeline**

* **Safety Innovation Challenge Event**: 29 September 2020
* **Application deadline:** 30 November 2020
* **Award notifications**: Week beginning 15 January 2021
* **Funding agreements signed**: 26 February 2021
* **Protocols agreed:** 26 March 2021

**Eligible costs**

Funding provided by the PSTRC is to be used to implement an early translational research project of relevance to patient safety. The purpose of the funding is to meet the research costs incurred by the successful applicants’ organisations in carrying out the research including staff time and other research costs. The funding is not intended to provide the following:

* Training for staff
* NHS treatment costs
* Equipment costing more than £750
* Full economic costs of staff
* University overheads

**Funding Terms**

Successful applicants will be awarded the agreed funding upon acceptance of set terms and conditions, which reflect the NIHR terms of the PSTRC programme funding award. These terms include obligations around reporting, publication, confidentiality and intellectual property (IP) etc. With respect to IP generated by the project, it is expected that the lead applicant organisation shall own the arising IP and that it shall secure such ownership from its employees, collaborators, students and/or agents in the performance of the project. The NIHR expect that, where appropriate, the outputs of PSTRC-funded projects will be commercialised and that any commercial revenue generated is shared appropriately with any contributors to the IP as well as with the NIHR (to be negotiated on a case by case basis). No commercial use of the IP can be made without prior written permission from the NIHR and the negotiation of such terms. The NIHR also reserve the right to take assignment of any IP generated using PSTRC funding if it deems that the IP is not being appropriately protected and managed. Any publications arising from the funded project should be approved in advance by the PSTRC director and must acknowledge the PSTRC funding appropriately.

**Safety Innovation Challenge Fund Application Form**

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| **APPLICANT** | |
| Name |  |
| Organisation |  |
| Position |  |
| Department |  |
| Address |  |
| Telephone Number |  |
| Email Address |  |

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| **YOUR TEAM** |
| *Please list your co-applicants*  Name:  Organisation:  Position:  Email:  Name:  Organisation:  Position:  Email:  Name:  Organisation:  Position:  Email:  *Expand as necessary* |

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| **Section 3 – APPLICATION DETAILS (max 2,000 words)** |
| *Please outline the work you propose including:*   * *Your aims and objectives* * *How they fit with NIHR Yorkshire and Humber PSTRC research themed call* * *The concepts, theories or models underpinning your work* * *The research methods you will use* * *The expected benefits of your research* * *Your proposed deliverables* * *The strengths of your team* * *Your timeframe (include milestones and delivery dates)* |
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| **Section 4 – PATIENT AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT (max 300 words)** |
| *Please tell us how you intend to involve patients and/or members of the public in your project* |
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| **Section 5 – COSTS** |
| *Please provide details of the costs you wish this funding to cover. Break your costs down by staff costs and itemised other direct costs and provide a total. If you wish to include a request for research expertise please also outline the type of support you require in this section, however your do not need to provide costs for that support.* |
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**Applicant declaration and signature:**

The information I have supplied in this funding application is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

I have obtained the necessary approvals from my organisation to apply for this funding and I confirm that my organisation has the capability and capacity to conduct the project outlined in this application

**Name:**

**Job title:**

**Signature:**

**Date:**