**Safety (Mental Health) Innovation Challenge Fund 2022–2023**

The National Institute for Health Research Yorkshire and Humber Patient Safety Translational Research Centre (NIHR Yorkshire and Humber PSTRC) is offering funding for up to four projects in Patient Safety and Mental Health of up to £15,000 each. The aim of these projects is to build research capability in patient safety in mental health in our region. The fund will offer the opportunity for healthcare professionals or researchers to work with academics within the NIHR Yorkshire and Humber PSTRC and mental healthcare professionals in the region to deliver a small research project with the aim of submitting a funding bid for a larger research project. Projects will run from 1st April 2022 until 31 March 2023 and funding will be offered via your employing organisation.

Successful applicants will join one of our four patient safety research themes:

* Patient Involvement in Patient Safety
* Workforce Engagement and Wellbeing
* Safe Use of Medicines
* Digital Innovations for Patient Safety.

You can find out more about our research themes on our website: [www.yhpstrc.org/our-research-themes](http://www.yhpstrc.org/our-research-themes).

**Eligible applicants**

To be eligible for funding, applicants should be employed in the Yorkshire and Humber region as a healthcare professional and/or in research role by an NHS organisation or a university.

You must have the written agreement of your organisation, through your line manager or equivalent, to submit your application.

**Eligible projects**

Applications should define and justify the importance of patient safety in a specific area of mental health care or treatment and why research in this area is needed; if possible, identifying the lack of evidence behind an approach to care, a care process or intervention. Projects can explore care in any mental health or social care setting or across settings. Projects should conduct primary research or literature reviews to inform the development of a funding bid to further explore the topic. Projects that comprise or include service user and public involvement activities, quality improvement, and service evaluation or analyses of routinely available data are also eligible if they address a gap in the evidence and represent the groundwork necessary for a more substantial research project.

Projects should be relevant to one of our four themes of research. All successful applicants will be given an academic or a clinical mentor for the duration of the project and will benefit from the wider support of members of the NIHR Yorkshire and Humber PSTRC research theme. If ethical approval is not required, you must summarise the ethical considerations and how these are addressed.

You must submit the names of three clinical or research colleagues who will support your work, for example through offering advice or guidance. The funding will not cover their time. Please make sure you have their agreement to include their names on the application. If you need support making contacts with clinical staff or researchers to support your proposal, please contact [YQSRAdmin@bthft.nhs.uk](mailto:YQSRAdmin@bthft.nhs.uk).

**Making an application**

You can apply by completing and sending an application form to Lucy Chapman [YQSRAdmin@bthft.nhs.uk](mailto:YQSRAdmin@bthft.nhs.uk). Questions about applications can also be sent to Lucy Chapman. Applications must be submitted no later than 11th February 2022.

**Assessment criteria**

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

* The potential of your project to address a priority for research in patient safety in mental health linked to one of our four themes of work
* The likelihood that this project would lead to a larger externally funded research project
* Deliverability of the project within the timeframe and clarity of your milestones
* The suitability of your plan in the COVID-19 pandemic
* Your patient and public involvement plan
* How your colleagues listed in the application will support your work
* How the applicant will use this opportunity to develop their skills in research (mental health and patient safety) and how they will be supported to do so.

**Timeline**

* Applications open: 13th December 2021
* Application deadline: 11th February 2022
* Award notifications: Week beginning 7th March 2022
* Fellowships commence: 1st April 2022

**Eligible costs**

Funding provided by the NIHR Yorkshire and Humber PSTRC is to be used to implement mental health 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.

The limit per application is £15,000 and we recommend the chief investigator is allocated to the project at 20% full-time equivalent.

**Funding Terms**

Successful applicants will be awarded the agreed funding upon acceptance of set terms and conditions, which reflect the NIHR terms of the NIHR Yorkshire and Humber PSTRC funding award. These terms include obligations around reporting, publication, confidentiality and intellectual property.

**Safety (Mental Health) Innovation Challenge Fund 2022–3 Application Form**

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| **APPLICANT** | |
| Name |  |
| Organisation |  |
| Qualifications |  |
| Position and grade |  |
| Department |  |
| Address |  |
| Telephone Number |  |
| Email Address |  |

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| **Section 2 – PROJECT DETAILS (max 2,000 words)** |
| *Please outline the work you propose under the following headings:*   * *Project title* * *Background and justification* * *Aims and objectives* * *Methods* * *Proposed deliverables (include the funding bid you will develop to submit)* * *Timeframe (include milestones and delivery dates)* * *Why this opportunity is important to you and your career* |
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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 the cost to your organisation of your post for one day per week for 12 months. Please also list any research or other costs your project will need. These may include participant payments, PPIE fees or publication costs.* |
| **Cost of the applicant’s post (one day per week for 12 months):**  **Other costs (please list):** |

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| **YOUR SUPPORT TEAM** |
| *Please list the researchers or clinicians who will support your work (up to 3)*  **Name:**  **Organisation:**  **Position:**  **Email:**  **Name:**  **Organisation:**  **Position:**  **Email:**  **Name:**  **Organisation:**  **Position:**  **Email:** |

**Applicant declaration and signature:**

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

**Name:**

**Job title:**

**Signature:**

**Date:**

**Employing organisation declaration and signature:**

I have reviewed and approved this application and I confirm that my organisation has the capability and capacity to conduct the project outlined in this application.

**Name:**

**Job title:**

**Signature:**

**Date:**