**Health Equity Innovation Challenge 2022: Children and Young people’s mental health - Anxiety**

**Sample application form**

The Health Equity Innovation Challenge is part of the [South West AHSN’s Innovation Exchange programme](https://swahsn.com/programmes/innovation-exchange/), which is designed to help innovators implement solutions to meet the challenges faced by the health and care system in South West England. Working with individuals and organisations who have innovative solutions that can be used to improve the NHS and the care system.

This Challenge focuses on identifying and spreading innovative practice that helps close health equity gaps with regards to [children and young people’s mental health](https://swahsn.com/programmes/regional-health-equity-programmes/children-and-young-peoples-mental-health/) – anxiety.

The Challenge aims to facilitate the implementation and evaluation of developed innovations into relevant health and/or social care settings, to build evidence of the innovation and spread and adoption learning.

We are inviting innovators to apply for this exciting funding opportunity from 07 June 2022. The Health Equity Innovation Challenge 2022 will be a one-stage application process with teams notified of the outcome in September 2022. Up to three teams will be supported with up to £25,000 each over six months, completing projects no later than mid-March 2023.

To apply for the Health Equity Innovation Challenge, applicants will need to [complete and submit the form online](https://forms.office.com/r/LAawJuhkmf), alongside emailing the required supporting documents to [innovation@swahsn.com](mailto:innovation@swahsn.com).

Please refer to the Health Equity Innovation Challenge 2022 Information for Applicants for guidance on completing this form online and the supporting documentation required. The application form will be used to assess your proposal. Please complete all sections of the form, inclusive of supporting information. Incomplete or non-submitted applications will not be assessed.

If you need advice, please contact [innovation@swahsn.com](mailto:innovation@swahsn.com).

Completed applications must be submitted via [the online form](https://forms.office.com/r/LAawJuhkmf) and supporting information including the budget must be emailed to [innovation@swahsn.com](mailto:innovation@swahsn.com) by 13.00 on 20 July 2021. Applications submitted after this time will not be considered for this funding.

Applications will be assessed on the following criteria:

1. Is the project addressing a relevant health equity challenge?
2. Is the scope of the project right for the Health Equity Innovation Challenge 2022 and is it deliverable?
3. Is there a clear and deliverable evaluation plan?
4. Does the proposal align with the UK Office for Life Sciences Innovation Exchange programme?
5. Is the innovation mature with a clear market?
6. Is there successful collaboration between partners?
7. Have the intended beneficiaries been appropriately involved in the innovation?

For more detailed assessment criteria, see the Information for Applicants.

1. **Lead applicant details**

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| 1.1 | Date of application |  |
| 1.2 | Project title |  |
|  | Lead applicant information: |  |
| 1.3 | Full name |  |
| 1.4 | Job role |  |
| 1.5 | Organisation |  |
| 1.6 | Contact telephone number |  |
| 1.7 | Contact email address |  |

1. **Partnerships**

The Health Equity Innovation Challenge is designed to help innovators implement solutions to meet the challenges faced by the health and care system in South West England.

Applications must be led by an innovator and there must be an evaluation partner involved or appropriate in-house evaluation expert in the project team. If you do not have in-house evaluation expertise in your organisation or have an evaluation partner, please contact [innovation@swahsn.com](mailto:innovation@swahsn.com) to discuss your project.

The partnerships must be well developed with relevant industry(s), service(s) and implementation site(s). Please share the details of organisations that will be involved in this project.

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| Organisation 1: lead organisation | Please select one partner type: | ☐ Industry  ☐ NHS  ☐ Social Care  ☐ Voluntary, community, social enterprise sector (VCSE)  ☐ Other |
| Organisation name  (Include trading name if different to registered company name) |  |
| Company number/UTR  (if applicable) |  |
| Charity number  (if applicable) |  |
| VAT registration number (if applicable) |  |
| Trading start date  (if applicable) |  |
| Website  (if applicable) |  |
| Please list team members from this organisation who will be working on this project.  Add as many team members to this section as required. | Name:  Job role:  Role on this project: |
| Organisation 2 | Please select one partner type: | ☐ Industry  ☐ NHS  ☐ Social Care  ☐ Voluntary, community, social enterprise sector (VCSE)  ☐ Other |
| Organisation name  (Include trading name if different to registered company name) |  |
| Company number/UTR  (If applicable) |  |
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| Please list team members from this organisation who will be working on this project.  Add as many team members to this section as required. | Name:  Job role:  Role on this project: |
| Organisation 3 | Please select one partner type: | ☐ Industry  ☐ NHS  ☐ Social Care  ☐ Voluntary, community, social enterprise sector (VCSE)  ☐ Other |
| Organisation name  (Include trading name if different to registered company name) |  |
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| VAT registration number (if applicable) |  |
| Trading start date  (if applicable) |  |
| Website  (if applicable) |  |
| Please list team members from this organisation who will be working on this project.  Add as many team members to this section as required. | Name:  Job role:  Role on this project: |

1. **Funding request and proposed dates**

The Health Equity Innovation Challenge 2022 aims to support projects with up to £25,000 over six months. This can either be the total cost of the project or part-funding of a larger piece of work. Applications that are contingent on another funding application will not be considered.

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| 3.1 | What is the funding request? | £ |
| 3.2 | Is this application supporting the whole project or is there funding from additional sources?  If there is additional funding involved, please provide the details of this funding including who the additional funder is, the funding amount and brief overview of the scope of the wider work. |  |
| 3.3 | Please attach a proposed project budget | ☐ Sent via email to [innovation@swahsn.com](mailto:innovation@swahsn.com) with applicant details included for reference. |
| 3.4 | What is the duration of the project? Include start and end dates |  |

1. **Project details**

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| 4.1 | Which relevant health equity challenge is the project addressing? |
| 4.1.1 | Which South West AHSN health equity priority does the project address? |
|  | Please select all that apply.  ☐ Access to care  ☐ Quality of care  ☐ Opportunities for a healthy life  ☐ Individual agency in managing health |
| 4.1.2 | Who is experiencing the inequality? |
|  | Please select all that apply.  ☐ Socioeconomic factors, for example, unemployed, low income and areas of deprivation  ☐ Protected characteristics, such as ethnicity, disability, religion or sexual orientation  ☐ Exclusion through geography, for example, rural area, coastal communities and urban centres  ☐ Socially excluded groups, such as people experiencing homelessness, Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities, sex workers, vulnerable migrants, people who leave prison  Please provide further details: |
| 4.1.3 | Describe the health equity challenge the project will address.   * Explain what the challenge is and what impact it is having on people and the current system/service * Provide evidence for the identified health inequality and who is experiencing it   *Maximum 250 words* |
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| 4.2 | Describe the project scope and how it will be delivered.  Please share the overall vision of the innovation and how this project fits into the vision.  Describe the project proposal including what you hope to achieve.   * Please share the aims and objectives for the project * Describe the project plan including the timeline with key milestones * Provide a narrative to the budget submitted in Section 3.3 * Highlight the key technical, commercial and environmental risks to your project, and how these will be managed   *Maximum 500 words* |
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| 4.3 | Explain the evaluation plan and how it will be delivered.     * Describe how the project will be evaluated. This should include:   + Evaluation Questions   + Evaluation Design   + Measurement plan   + Planned timescales and resource to deliver the evaluation * Describe how you will capture your learning   *Maximum 250 words* |
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| 4.4 | Funding for this programme is supported by the Office for Life Sciences, Innovation Exchange programme, a programme focused on identifying, selecting and supporting the adoption of innovations which have the potential to transform the lives of people, and support growth of the businesses we work with.  Aligning to this mission, please describe how the proposed project would support economic growth including the creation or sustaining of any jobs and or leverage investments into the South West.  *Maximum 250 words* |
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| 4.5 | Describe the innovation including its maturity and share insight to the innovations market |
| 4.5.1 | Describe the innovation including its maturity and share insight to the innovations market.  Describe the innovation including:   * Outlining what is innovative about it and providing details of the commercial, scientific and technical contexts it sits in * Describing the market for the innovation, including identifying the unique selling point and providing an analysis of competitors * Detail the route to market * Provide evidence for the innovation   *Maximum 500 words* |
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| 4.5.2 | Intellectual property (IP)  Please outline any existing IP which is relevant to your project, with information of its ownership as well as any IP that you expect to be generated as a result of the project.  *Maximum 250 words* |
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| 4.5.3 | Regulation  Please evidence that the innovation has met the regulatory requirements necessary to bring the innovation to market. Describe where your innovation is on this journey.  For example:   * Has the innovation obtained a CE mark or equivalent regulatory approval for the proposed application (or evidence demonstrating the technology is close to obtaining approval) and/or Product in use in at least one Trust? * Does the innovation have the required clinical efficacy and safety demonstrated through clinical trial(s)? * For digital solutions, provide evidence that the technology has passed the necessary information governance and cyber security requirements. * Where applicable, innovations must evidence how the NICE Digital Health Technology Framework has been considered and how the team plan to meet the appropriate evidence guidelines. * Where applicable, innovations must evidence how the NHSX Digital Technology Assessment Criteria (DTAC) has been considered.   *Maximum 250 words* |
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| 4.6 | Explain the relationships between partners outlined in section two.   * Highlight the skills and experience in the team that will support deliverability of the project * Describe how the partnership will work together with the relevant service(s), site(s) and or relevant clinical team(s)   *Maximum 250 words* |
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| 4.7 | Describe how the intended beneficiaries have been appropriately involved in the innovation.   * Describe who the intended beneficiaries are for this project * Please outline how patients and the public have been engaged in the development of the innovation so far * Describe the plans to involve patients and the public in the project   *Maximum 250 words* |
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| 4.10 | Added value  How does support from the Health Equity Innovation Challenge add value to your project? Please include details on the difference this funding would make to your project and your business, and in what form the project might be able to proceed without this funding.  *Maximum 250 words* |
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1. **Additional information and enclosures**

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| 5.1 | You may wish to include a summary of how any previous or planned academic support has assisted, or is going to assist, with the project if you have not mentioned it within any of your question responses.  *Maximum 250 words* |
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| 5.2 | If you wish to submit any additional or supporting information, please email it to [innovation@swahsn.com](mailto:innovation@swahsn.com) alongside your project budget. Ensure the applicant details provided in section one are included in the email for reference.   Please include a list of the documents you are sending with your application form. |
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1. **Declarations**

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| 6.1 | Privacy notice and GDPR |
|  | All information provided in connection with an application to the Health Equity Innovation Challenge 2022 will be used for assessing and, if appropriate, monitoring your project and evaluating the Challenge.   Such information will be held and used by the South West AHSN and our partner organisations NHS England and the AHSN Network and stored on our/their internal computer and/or filing systems. The information will be collected and processed and held securely in accordance with the principles of the General Data Protection Regulation (2018).   Find out how the South West AHSN use and store data in our [Privacy Notice — The South West Academic Health Science Network](http://www.swahsn.com/privacy-notice/). You can also view the privacy terms for information used and stored by the AHSN Network (www.ahsnnetwork.com/privacy) and NHS England (www.england.nhs.uk/contact-us/privacy-notice).  I understand and agree to how my data will be used and stored |
| 6.2 | Signposting |
|  | Where relevant, the South West AHSN may be able to offer further support including signposting to other offers or other providers for potential additional support.  Please tick this box if you wish for your name and contact email address to be shared with appropriate partners that may help support your innovation ☐ |
| 6.3 | Applicant declaration |
|  | Completion and submission of this application certifies that:   * The innovator is a small or medium-sized business. * The innovator organisation is solvent, and no distress or execution has been levied against it. * The information provided in this application is correct. * I understand that neither the South West AHSN, the review panel nor any of its representatives or partners is liable for any expense incurred in the making of this application. * I understand that the Health Equity Innovation Challenge 2022 is a competitive process, and that the acceptance of this application is not a guarantee that this project will be awarded funding.   Please tick this box if you agree with and confirm the details shared in 6.3, the ‘Applicant declaration’ |

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We look forward to receiving your application for the Health Equity Innovation Challenge 2022.