Innovation Support Request

Guidance and Process

If you are looking to partner with us to develop a paediatric health technology, please review this guidance and complete our collaboration request form below.

We welcome requests from **healthcare professionals**, **researchers**, **industry partners**, **patient representatives**, and importantly, **young people and families** with lived experience.

SUBMIT FORM HERE

WHAT CAN I SUBMIT?

Innovations / solutions for unmet needs

We support technology development at all stages of the innovation pathway, from ideation to development, and clinical evaluation to adoption in healthcare settings.

Innovation Support Requests must align with one of our **five research themes**:

1. Early Life
2. Long-Term Conditions in Childhood
3. Transition
4. Mind & Body Integration (MBI)
5. Child Health AI Network (CHAIN)

OUR THEMES

SUPPORT WE OFFER

- Input and advice from expert clinicians and industry partners
- Involving young people and families
- Identifying and securing the right funding
- Access to the NHS and NIHR infrastructure
- Establishing partnerships and collaborations through our extensive networks across healthcare, industry, and academia
- Educational resources through our Knowledge Centre
- Evaluation and testing of health technologies through clinical trials
- Navigating the regulatory landscape and intellectual property
- Support with project management and guiding your innovation journey

At the NIHR HRC in Paediatrics and Child Health, we are dedicated to delivering and supporting inclusive research and innovation in line with best practice. Please review our Research Inclusion Strategy to find out more.

Please review the following information and guidance about our Innovation Support Request review process and what to expect following submission.

1. Requests for support will be reviewed and discussed by the core team to determine if they are within our remit and whether we are able to offer our support based on the information provided in the form.

2. Where necessary, your request may be sent to the relevant clinical Theme Lead(s) and partners to gain their expert opinion.

3. If we require further information, we will arrange a follow up discussion with you to explore your proposal further and discuss the next steps.

4. We aim to respond to all Innovation Support Requests within four weeks.

Please be aware that we are a devolved structure with a number of research partners with which your request may be shared. If we are unable to help or support you at this time, we will, where possible, signpost you to other infrastructure that can. Please see our About Us page for more information about our strategic partners.

Please note, no promise is made that a collaboration with us or a particular outcome can be achieved.

We expect innovations to have meaningful input from children, young people, families, and NHS healthcare professionals.

Meaningful involvement of these groups is a core part of our work because it ensures technologies are developed with the users' needs in mind. We support innovators who can demonstrate this in their work and/or who are willing to engage with these groups and modify their ideas accordingly. We can facilitate this input throughout the development journey.

We expect unmet needs to be validated with children, young people, families and NHS healthcare professionals in relevant settings.

We can work with you to validate unmet needs, but funding for our time and any required resources will need to be secured. We can collaborate with you to submit grant applications from appropriate funding bodies.

We are happy to offer an initial consultation on innovations at no cost, however, funding is required for any direct, ongoing support with project delivery.

We can only support grant applications to secure funding if we are named collaborator, are actively involved in the project, and have our time costed for.

All medical devices need to conform to the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) standards.

For more information about us, please visit our website hrc-children.nihr.ac.uk and refer to our Work With Us page for more details on the support we can offer.