

# Innovation Support Request

## Guidance and Process

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

If you are looking to partner with us to develop a paediatric health technology, please review this guidance and submit an **Innovation Support Request form**.

[SUBMIT FORM](#)

### WHAT CAN I SUBMIT?

#### Innovations or 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 children 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 to guide your innovation journey

For more information about us, [please visit our website](#) and refer to the Work With Us page for more details on the support we can offer.

# Please review the following information before submitting an Innovation Support Request

## Review Process

1. Requests for support will be reviewed and discussed by the operational 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 view 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.



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



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

We are dedicated to delivering and supporting **inclusive research and innovation** in line with best practice and developing technologies with the users' needs in mind through meaningful involvement. We support innovators who can demonstrate this in their work and/or who are willing to commit to this.

Please review our strategies for [Research Inclusion](#) and [Patient and Public Involvement and Engagement](#) to find out more.