

## Technology Support Programme 2 Innovator Review and Feedback - Terms of Reference

### Purpose

The Technology Support Programme 2 (TSP2) seeks to build collaborations capable of securing significant funding by bringing together Wessex research and clinical expertise with innovative new technologies to target upcoming funding opportunities. An initial filter is provided by the Wessex AHSN (Academic Health Science Network) to ensure that only companies who are likely to be suitable for a research collaboration. Selected innovations will receive feedback through an online questionnaire and discussion forum with companies who are still deemed suitable for collaboration to present to a panel with invited experts. Successful companies will be invited to form a research consortium for the targeted funding opportunity.

### Scope

The TSP 2 will support health and care technologies and devices aligned to targeted funding opportunity, innovations outside of funding opportunity criteria will not be supported. Innovators must be a UK registered company, clinician or academic to be considered, with the research project to be carried out within the Wessex health and care research system.

### Membership

The Technology Support Programme 2 (TSP2) is co-lead by the Wessex AHSN and Wessex Local Clinical Research Network (LCRN) with membership drawn from across Wessex Health and Care Research organisations.

Chair: LCRN/AHSN lead

### Information Governance

The TSP2 innovator review and feedback process should be treated as 'in confidence' by all parties involved. Companies and innovators will provide information surrounding their technologies and the areas for which they want feedback, however there is no guarantee that all those who will be sent the documents for feedback will be bound by a non-disclosure agreement. The feedback provided on the innovation will be held within a Microsoft Teams group, open through invitation, alongside a further discussion document. Information submitted could be subject to freedom of information requests.

### Process

1. The Wessex AHSN and Wessex LCRN will identify upcoming funding resources suitable for the TSP2.
2. Call to innovators will be made through comms channels and remain open for 4-8 weeks (funding opportunity dependent), innovators met through other channels are also welcome.
3. The Wessex AHSN will triage innovators, identifying companies which may be suitable for funding collaboration with Wessex health and care research organisations for the targeted funding opportunities.
4. The Wessex AHSN and innovators will produce an innovation summary document alongside a Microsoft Forms questionnaire with key questions for feedback related to the innovation, its clinical need and suitability for a grant application.
5. The innovation summary documents, and questionnaire are distributed to panel members and suitable specialists who have **two weeks to contribute feedback**. The format is intended to be easy to share to facilitate gathering of feedback from as broad an audience as possible.
6. **Within 1 week** of the feedback deadline a **feedback summary document** which will be provided to the innovator and questionnaire respondents.
7. Innovators who have not been specifically excluded through the feedback process will be invited to give a **presentation to the panel 1-2 weeks after feedback** has been provided.
8. Innovators will give 10-minute presentations to the panel followed by 10 minutes for further questions.
9. Innovators to be provided further feedback within a week of presentations to panel.

10. Successful innovators will be paired with Wessex wide clinicians and academics to apply for the targeted funding opportunity 4-8 weeks ahead of the deadline.

### **Version History**

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