

Mid and South Essex Innovation Fellowship: Overview

To advance improvements in the care for our patients, communities, and staff we launched an exciting new Innovation Fellowship in 2018. The Mid and South Essex Innovation Fellowship provides the opportunity to adopt new ideas, approaches and tools in local services, with comprehensive support and structure to mitigate risks.

Following a successful first cohort, we are looking for new ideas and innovations to be part of the 2019/20 second cohort of Mid and South Essex Innovation Fellows.

Innovation Fellows are encouraged and supported to develop and test their ideas and innovations in relevant and appropriate services across the Mid and South Essex STP, dependent on local checks. Through introductions, networking, mentoring, and relevant learning sessions we develop their knowledge and experience of innovation development, adoption and scaling and help to reduce barriers and improve the quality of care.

In 2018, 16 Innovation Fellows were selected from over 30 applications. Innovators were working on wide-ranging patient safety or workforce solutions at varying stages of development, from concept through to marketable product, and found the experience valuable, with a significant number progressing their innovation at least one stage. Most of our 2018/19 Innovation Fellows will continue to work with us over the coming year.

This year we are looking for innovations and new ideas focused on the themes of **outpatients, digitally enabled care and self-care or patient activation**. Applications are open to any member of staff working in the Mid and South Essex STP and anyone on the NHS Clinical Entrepreneur Programme. We aim to appoint Fellows to join us from November 2019.

Successful Mid and South Essex Innovation Fellows will be given:

- an environment where ideas and innovations can develop and be tested in the NHS real-world, depending on local checks
- a well-connected and informed mentor to support their development and facilitate relationship-building.

- learning and training opportunities on topics including:
 - intellectual property
 - project management and business case development
 - turning concepts into tangible innovation
 - funding and growth
- peer support and networking opportunities
- an honorary contract
- bespoke navigation, governance and development support from the Innovation Programme Manager and local coordinator

To apply, please complete the application form [here](#) by 11:59pm, Wednesday 25 September 2019.

Applications will be reviewed by groups of 3-4 assessors against key criteria. Shortlisted applicants will then be invited to virtual interviews taking place between 21st October and 1st November. Final selection will be agreed by a small group of relevant people from across the STP. We plan to involve patients and the public in interview panels and final selection. The new cohort of the Mid and South Essex Innovation Fellowship will launch in late November.

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