

News story: Digital and service solutions to NHS challenges: apply for funds

NHS prescriptions sign in pharmacy shop window.

Innovate UK is to invest up to £4.5 million on behalf of the [Office for Life Sciences](#) in projects that combine digital and service innovations to significantly improve healthcare.

[NHS England](#) is to invest a further £1.5 million specifically in projects that apply digital approaches to supporting people with type 2 diabetes.

Test in real-world settings

We are seeking initial expressions of interest from both businesses with innovative digital projects and NHS organisations willing to lead a series of trials.

Successful applicants will be invited to a workshop where they will be able to meet and select partners. Consortia will then be invited to submit a detailed application to apply for funding.

It is part of the [NHS test beds programme](#) that aims to help innovators work with the NHS and test innovations in products and process in real-world settings.

Projects must meet NHS priorities

Business should have a market-ready digital product that meets safety and regulatory standards and could address a health and care challenge.

Projects will need to meet the priorities set by NHS England in its [5 Year Forward View](#).

NHS organisations must have a clearly defined health and care challenge and be willing to lead a consortium that will test whether a combination of product and service innovation can address that challenge.

Projects must produce significant significant health improvements at the same or lower cost.

Competition information

- we are now inviting expressions of interest and the deadline is midday on 27 March 2018
- to apply you can be:

- an NHS organisation or partnership
 - a business of any size, but funding is only available to micro, small and medium-sized enterprises
- we expect projects to range in size from £500,000 to £1.5 million and to last up to 18 months
- businesses could receive up to 70% of their costs. NHS organisations will receive 100% of their costs
- there will be a briefing event on 2 March 2018