

Call for Expressions of Interest

The NIHR Health Technology Assessment (HTA) Programme is offering an opportunity to a limited number of existing HTA-funded studies, to express interest in funding for additional work which builds on existing, successfully-recruiting projects and established networks of researchers. The topic could be an add-on to an existing trial (an additional arm or sub-study), or a follow-on to a completing trial using established processes. The study could be any of the usual types funded by the HTA Programme. The additional study must not detract from or delay the delivery of the outcomes already commissioned under the terms and conditions of the contract for the existing study, and should enhance the value of the existing research.

You are invited to submit an Expression of Intent (EoI) for this funding, including:

- a clear statement of the research question;
- why it is important to the NHS;
- how it will follow on from or build on the existing work;
- an outline of the study design;
- an indicative cost; and
- a letter of support from TSC, if relevant.

This EoI will be assessed for feasibility and importance to the NHS. If successful, a fuller description will be invited, which will be assessed for scientific quality and value for money.

If you wish to take advantage of this opportunity, please submit a completed EoI **by 1300h on 27th April 2015**. You can do this by logging on to the [MIS](#), clicking on 'Apply for Funding' and then on 'Click here to respond to an RFP or to a solicited request'. You will then need to enter the invitation code **hta1559** to access the EoI form. MS Word versions of both the [form](#) and the accompanying [guidance notes](#) are available, but please note that you must submit the form through the MIS to apply.

EoIs will be reviewed by a specially-convened panel, the outcomes of which will be communicated sometime in June. For those invited to submit a more substantial proposal, this is likely to be required by the end of July 2015, with a view to it being reviewed and a decision communicated to you by the end of October 2015.

If you have any queries, please send them to htamon@soton.ac.uk .

Thank you for your consideration of this matter and we look forward to receiving your response.

Yours sincerely

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