

CONSULTANTS DRIVING INNOVATION ON THE FRONTLINE







New Contract. New Ideas.

The Public Only Consultant Contract 2023 (POCC23) came into effect on 8th March 2023.

Within the contract, a provision has been made for Consultants to access an annual fund to support innovation projects and innovative research.

All Consultants who are contracted under the Public Only Consultant's Contract are entitled to access the fund.

What is innovation?

Funding innovation in patient care

IDEA

A proposed problem with a proposed innovative solution.

IMPACT

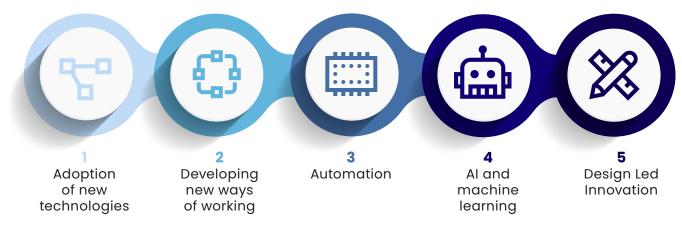
Innovation activity must add value, protect the patient, represent value for money, and compliment 'systems thinking'.

INNOVATION

A novel idea, process, service, technological support or new way of working that represents a 'step change' in the way services are currently delivered.



What types of innovation can be funded?



* This list is not exhaustive.

How does it all work?

The innovation fund is allocated to you to spend on innovation and innovative activity in your clinical setting or in partnership with your colleagues at other settings. Although you generate the idea and formulate the solution, your clinical director needs to sign off on the proposed project. This is important to ensure that your project can be adopted by the organisation and isn't in conflict with other activity or constraints. The HSE Spark Programme is there to provide advice, guidance around innovation practice, regulation and other considerations that any would-be innovators need to know. Spark is also there to help you explore additional elements that might optimise or compliment your work such as professional design input, research and considerations around preparing your successful project for spreading and scaling.



Identify an area of need in your clinical area or clinical practice.

This might involve a new way of working, the need to design or redesign a service, change a process or introduce a new piece of equipment or technology.

You might generate this alone or with colleagues in your setting or in other settings. Approach your clinical director to outline your idea and get their agreement that your project is something that they will support you to introduce to your setting.

Although you are leading out on the idea, endorsement from your clinical lead is essential to ensure that implementation will take place and that it can be sustained. Submit your proposal through the dedicated portal. The Spark Team will review your proposal and advise you on any element that poses a challenge for implementation within HSE systems. They will also highlight opportunities to support or optimise your idea through the allocation of additional resources e.g. Design input.

Once you are satisifed with your development and implementation plan, you and your clinical lead will formally sign off on the project. A memorandum of agreement (MOA) will be issued acknowledging the terms of the fund.

On receipt of the signed MOA, the agreed funding will be transferred to your host site. Your project is now live! You will have the remainder of the calendar year to use your funding as outlined in your MOA.

The Spark Team will support your progress with check-ins, mentoring, advice and feedback loops.



What funding is available?

Per Calendar Year	Individual POCC Innovation Funding	Individual POCC Unused CME	Pooled with other POCC applicant(s)	Pooled with Spark Funding call
Amounts (within	Max	Max	Max	Funding limit related
calendar year)	€ 8,000	€ 12,000	€ 50,000	to the specific call

* Unused CME can be allocated to the innovation fund.

How do I apply for the innovation fund?

Applying for the innovation fund is easy. Simply complete the dedicated online application form to start the process. A member of the team will respond to you.

Click or scan to find out more.

