

## **Innovation Fund Terms of Reference**

- The Innovation Fund will support imaginative proposals that help to develop new applications or new ways of improving patient care.
- Priority is given to well defined proposals which demonstrate a clear benefit.
- The Innovation Fund is unable to support 'basic research'.
- The Innovation Fund is unable to support equipment purchases.
- Single awards from the Innovation Fund cannot exceed £10,000. For proposals that exceed the upper award limit it is acceptable to 'top up' with funds from other sources. If this is your intention please state so clearly in your application.
- Innovation Fund awards must only be used in relation to the approved proposal.
- By submitting a proposal applicants agree that the panel's decision is final and that the panel is unable to enter into further discussion regarding the outcome.
- Resubmission of an unsuccessful application is not permissible until 12 months have elapsed from the original submission.

## **Innovation Panel Responsibilities**

- Applications are confidential and must not be disseminated outside of the panel process
- The panel will adopt a consensus approach to decision making where unanimous view cannot be reached on an individual request.
- Panel members are appointed as individuals not as representatives of their particular profession, employer or interest group.
- Panel members must ensure that the assessment of applications for funding is carried out objectively and impartially and must guard against introducing bias during deliberations.
- If members believe the panel's method of working is not rigorous or thorough enough they have the right to ask that any concerns they have be put on record