

## **‘TOWARDS CHANGING PRACTICE’ - ARC KSS project funding call**

### **Stimulating applied research and the implementation of evidence into practice for local health and social care benefit**

Do you have an innovation, intervention or new way of providing care that shows potential to change practice for the better?

The Applied Research Collaboration Kent, Surrey and Sussex (ARC KSS) is seeking to commission innovative applied research projects focussing on implementing novel ideas with the **potential to change health or social care practice for the benefit of the public, patients, service user and/or service providers**.

Up to £100,000 (inclusive of 25% co-funding) will be awarded to individual projects over a maximum duration of 2 years. ARC KSS will fund a maximum of £75,000 with £25,000 co-funding from your employing organisation through direct funding or ‘in kind’ support. See the guidance document for more information.

Projects must start on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 and meet the following criteria:

- Projects must **be undertaken within an ARC KSS member organisation** or led by a member of staff from an ARC KSS member organisation.
- Be based upon existing, preliminary or pilot evidence, projects will **test an innovation, intervention or new way of providing care** to evaluate changes in outcomes for patients/care users and local services in order to enable implementation of findings to change practice.
- Projects must **closely align to one or more of the ARC KSS research themes**. Applicants are encouraged to read the ‘ARC KSS research approach’ document to ensure your project aligns with the values and objectives of ARC KSS research and research themes.
- Projects must **contribute to significant priorities or problems faced by our region**. Note that projects proceeding to the final stage will be chosen by a panel including ARC KSS theme leads, members of the public and STP /ICS leads.
- Projects that assess changes or implementation of new services as a result of COVID-19 will be eligible. These should focus on long-term or recovery phases of COVID-19 health or social care service provision.
- Projects with multiple partners and findings that can be implemented or transferred at a county or regional scale or involving integrated approaches to care across providers are encouraged.
- Projects that contribute to building research capacity within the member organisation will be prioritised. Therefore, projects submitted by early career researchers or health and social care professionals establishing a research career are particularly welcome.

#### What this call will not fund:

- Audit projects or projects identifying and exploring an evidence-practice gap e.g. through evidence synthesis alone
- Projects focussing on a service from single provider e.g. service delivered in a single hospital or provider or single service locality.
- Proof of concept or preliminary studies, e.g. feasibility studies.

Projects are expected to involve and engage the public and communities and preferably be co-designed. Applicants should have clear plans and mechanisms to support future implementation of findings and [knowledge mobilisation](#) for the benefit of service delivery and patients regionally.

To apply:

- Read this remit and the 'ARC KSS research approach' document to ensure your project aligns with the values and objectives of ARC KSS research and research themes.
- Read the accompanying guidance document released with this call.
- Complete an Expression of Interest application form and send this to [ARCKentSurreySussex@sussexpartnership.nhs.uk](mailto:ARCKentSurreySussex@sussexpartnership.nhs.uk) by **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at 5pm**

If you have any questions about the call, please email [ARCKentSurreySussex@sussexpartnership.nhs.uk](mailto:ARCKentSurreySussex@sussexpartnership.nhs.uk). If you would like to speak to a member of the ARC KSS team about your application, please click [here](#) to book a 30 minute appointment.