



HIEC

Lancashire and Cumbria
Health, Innovation & Education Cluster

Would you like funding for a health, innovation or education project?

The Lancashire and Cumbria Health, Innovation and Education Cluster [L&C HIEC] is pleased to announce a call for project bids for its second year.

- Have you developed new best practice that could be shared with others?
- Do you have research findings related to health and healthcare delivery to implement?
- Are you aware of innovative ways of working or a new innovation that could benefit healthcare?
- Are you looking for ways to share your research/innovation/best practice?
- Do you have an innovative approach to delivering education and training to the health community?

If you can say 'yes' to any of the above you are eligible to apply for funding from the L&C HIEC.

We are particularly looking for projects which:

- Enhance the uptake of educational opportunities among all groups of healthcare staff
- Improve knowledge acquisition and knowledge transfer across organisations and regions
- Improve and deliver education and training for health and healthcare outcomes
- Use technology, e.g. the Map of Medicine, to enhance the delivery of best practice into care pathways and patient care
- Provide new ways to provide the best possible care for the local population and reduce health inequalities

Bidding for funding is simple, all you need to do is contact Rosalind Way for more information and an application form: Rosalind.way@northlancs.nhs.uk or Tel: 01524 519320

Bids must be submitted to Rosalind Way by 31st January 2011 and projects must be able to start in April 2011

The L&C HIEC: what you need to know:

We actively supporting projects from the NHS, academia, industry, third sector, community providers and education providers and therefore we welcome applications from anyone who can assist us in delivering our aims across our health economy.

The purpose of all HIECs is to enable high quality patient care and services by **quickly** bringing the **benefits** of research and innovation directly to front line staff and by **strengthening** the co-ordination of education and training so that it has the breadth and depth to **support excellence**.

The L&C HIEC aims to create a **sustainable** culture of the **timely** and **effective** dissemination and implementation of research and innovation into **health education** and **practice**.

Supplementary Information

The HIEC has limited funds and is therefore seeking proposals that are reflective of this.

It is anticipated that projects should bid for funding of around £20,000. However, additional funds may be awarded for exceptional projects.

The deadline for bids is 31st January.

The application form is available at;

http://www.northlancshealth.nhs.uk/mom/lchiec_projectcall_template.docx

We ask that applicants keep to this form rather than submitting additional information, the boxes for each criteria can be expanded to take any amount of text.

Project teams should be reminded that the funding for the HIEC is not able to support research or developmental work – it is for the implementation of evidence based research findings, innovation and innovative means of delivery, and best practice. Further information regarding the aims and objectives for the HIEC are on the application form.

We will shortlist the bids in early February and the shortlisted project teams will be contacted for further discussions in late February and early March. Successful projects will have final contract discussions in late March with funding being awarded as soon as this process is complete.

You are welcome to circulate the call, this information and the application form to colleagues.