



Dear Colleague,

TEC Social Care Tests of Change 2021/22

We are inviting applicants to participate in our 2021/22 Tests of Change initiative. This application round focuses specifically on building further digital innovation capacity within social care and social work and we hope to run up to ten Stage 1 tests of change in 2021/22.

The attached Application Brief goes into further details of our call for Stage 1 tests of change. The funded tests will be supported by a series of knowledge exchange opportunities to share learning across the sector. We will also be investing in the development of the most promising tests from earlier calls and current test participants will be invited to apply for Stage 2 or Stage 3 funding.

Applications for Tests of Change are invited from any HSCP/Local Authority, Housing Association, Independent Care or Third Sector Organisation. Applications may be made by individual organisations or as multi-organisation collaborations with a single organisation taking the role of 'Lead Partner'. *Provided that the aforementioned organisations take the lead role, collaborations with Academia and Industry are also welcomed and encouraged.*

All applications must be submitted to the TEC Programme Office (nss.tec@nhs.scot) by **5pm Thursday 16th December 2021** and awards will be communicated by 10th January 2022.

Virtual briefing sessions for prospective applicants have been arranged for [23rd November 2021 at 2pm](#) and [8th December 2021 at 10am](#). Interested parties may register via hyperlinks above. The briefing sessions are intended to support prospective applicants in the preparation of their submissions. It will cover this year's arrangements and will provide attendees with an opportunity to ask questions.

I look forward to seeing this year's proposals and to supporting local and regional ambitions to learn, innovate and improve outcomes for our citizens with Technology Enabled Care.

Yours faithfully,

Dr Margaret Whoriskey

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