**MAHSC & Health Innovation Manchester (HInM)**

**Applied Health and Care Research Group Award**

**Background**

Following an applied research roundtable in late 2021, involving representation from across all four GM partner universities, delegates voted to develop a Manchester Academic Health Science Centre (MAHSC) Applied Health and Care Research Group.

The Group is a joint initiative between MAHSC (part of HInM and one of only eight academic health science centres in England – and the only one in the North West – designated to research new treatments, improve health education and transform the care that people receive) and the NIHR Applied Research Collaboration Greater Manchester (ARC-GM)(one of 15 ARCs across England and is funded to deliver applied health and care research that addresses the key challenges of the health and care system whilst supporting staff to translate research in to practice).

Following the roundtable, there was a shared drive and purpose identified to drive this activity within a MAHSC steering group.

The Group are now offering the opportunity to apply for awards to fund cross-discipline, multi-institution, research-led projects that have potential to generate health and social care impact and benefits to people and communities, patients, and carers.

This funding has been collectively provided by HInM, MAHSC and NIHR ARC-GM.

The projects should focus on applied health and care and take into account the specific health needs of the Greater Manchester area. Approximately £20,000-£40,000 per project will be available through this funding call. Depending on the number of applications received, and alignment with key assessment criteria, several applications may be funded.

It is important that projects demonstrate Public and Community Involvement (PPIE), and (representation/inclusion) of voluntary sector partners is encouraged. PPIE must be appropriately costed and further resources/information is available on the Health Innovation Manchester website here: [Public and Community Involvement and Engagement](https://healthinnovationmanchester.com/partnerships/public-and-community-involvement-and-engagement/).

Further information about the award is detailed below:

**Awards Available**

Projects are required to align with the Greater Manchester Integrated Care Partnership strategy 2022-2028 and Greater Manchester’s 5-year Joint Forward Plan.

For guidance, the 6 missions of the Greater Manchester Integrated Care Partnership strategy are:

The recovery of NHS and care services - Improving access to high quality, core services and reducing long waits

Strengthening our Communities - Help people, families and communities feel more confident in managing their own health

Increasing prosperity - Helping people get into, and stay in, good work within an inclusive economy

Prevention and early detection - Helping people stay well and detecting illness earlier

Supporting our Workforce and Carers - Valuing the people who provide the care

Achieving financial sustainability - Manage public money well to achieve our objectives

The full Greater Manchester Integrated Care Partnership Strategy, Improving health and care in Greater Manchester, 2023-2028, can be viewed [here](https://gmintegratedcare.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/gm-icp-strategy-190423.pdf), with the Greater Manchester Integrated Care Partnership Joint Forward Plan available [here](https://democracy.greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk/documents/s27290/Item%205a%20-%20GM%20Joint%20Forward%20Plan%20-%20Draft%20for%20ICP.pdf).

**Grant Duration**

**1-year**

Awards may fund; staff salaries, project running costs, and equipment essential to the study/project.

Awards cannot cover research overhead costs.

**Guidance**

The PI and team should be working in a university or NHS organisation in the GM Area.

**Application Process**

* Applications must have the approval of the applicant’s line manager, head of centre/school/directorate.
* Applicants must consult, at the earliest opportunity, with their R&I departments, or research support managers, to get appropriate approvals and costings.
* Awards are available for one year. We envisage funding will be available from March 2024 and projects must start by 31st March 2024 at the latest.
* Applications should be made on the form on Pages 2-3 and be submitted by **26th January 2024** as an email attachment, to

MAHSC@healthinnovationmanchester.com.

* A decision will be available by February 2024.

**Selection Process**

Selection of projects will be made by the Applied Health and Care Research Selection Committee using the following criteria:

* Quality of the proposal.
* Alignment with the Greater Manchester Integrated Care Partnership strategy 2023-2028.
* Potential for future external funding and future development of the work.
* Potential for health and social care impact and benefits to people and communities, patients, and carers.
* Inclusion of Public and Community Involvement and Engagement.
* Applications are encouraged to tackle health and social care inequalities, including but not limited to, the inclusion of under-served groups in research.
* Applications are encouraged to push forward and build research capability and capacity amongst the multi-professional health and social care sector- including social workers, nurses, midwives, allied health professionals (NMAHPs), public health practitioners, and health and social care practitioners.
* Applications are required to include cross-institution collaboration. This may include but is not limited to Trusts, HEIs, industry partners, health providers, public health, social care groups, and community groups.
* Projects are required to include a supporter from the health and social care system.

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**Application Form**

**Your details**

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| **Lead Applicant:** |
| **Institution:** |
| **Contact details:** |
| **Co-applicants/Host Institution:** |
| **Project supporter** (This project should have a supporter from the health and care system. Please include a letter of support alongside your application.) |
| **Estimated duration for project:** |
| **Summary of Project Costs (Please provide an overview of the budget and a justification of how you will use it, including some clear milestones):** |
| **Name and contact of Clinical Director/Head of Research Centre/ Clinical Collaborator approval:**[ ] **I confirm I have received appropriate approvals and costings from my R&I department or research support manager** |

**Information on the grant application/project that the award will fund**

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| **Title of the grant application: (max 30 words)** |
| **Aims and objectives of project: (250 words)** |
| **Plain English summary of project: (250 words, please include a brief summary of the project, written clearly and simply, without jargon and with an explanation of any technical terms)** |
| **Summary of proposed research: (please include a project timeline and a GANTT chart/table as an appendix (750-1000 words)** |
| **Expected outcomes: (250 words)** |
| **Potential Impact of this Work: (250 words)** |
| **External Funding Plan:** (*this project should lead to submissions for external funding to continue this work).* |
| **What are your plans and who are your future collaborators?** |

Please return via email to MAHSC@healthinnovationmanchester.com,