

EMAHSN Evaluation Fund FAQs

1. What sort of project is the fund aiming to evaluate?

Projects must fit under one of the following NHS England 2021/22 priorities as set out in the planning guidance:

- A. Supporting the health and wellbeing of staff and taking action on recruitment and retention.
- B. Delivering the NHS COVID vaccination programme and continuing to meet the needs of patients with COVID.
- C. Building on what we have learned during the pandemic to transform the delivery of services, accelerate the restoration of elective & cancer care and manage the increasing demand on mental health services.
- D. Expanding primary care capacity to improve access, local health outcomes and address health inequalities.
- E. Transforming community, Urgent and Emergency Care to prevent inappropriate attendance at ED, improve timely admission to hospital for ED patients and reduce the length of stay and/or support prompt and safe discharge.

2. How are the applications assessed?

Evaluations are scored by a panel from our internal team who will focus on a number of key considerations including the potential outcomes and benefits, consideration for digital exclusion and patient equality, robust data collection and processing, the potential for adoption and spread and the potential effect on the health economy.

3. Can we identify our own evaluation partner?

Organisations can identify their own partner as long as they are independent of the organisation to ensure transparency and impartiality.

4. What if we do not have a planned evaluation partner in mind?

The East Midlands Academic Health Science Network can help to connect organisations with one of our evaluation partners for either the design phase or the entire evaluation.



5. What happens if our project is approved for funding?

You will be contacted within 10 days of the closing date – 11th February 2022 and advised if your application has been successful.

A month-long design and scoping process with guidance and advice from our internal analytics and informatics team along with a representative from Unity Insights will ensure that the high-level evaluation plan is robust and will capture the intended metrics and outputs before funding is transferred, no later than April 2022.

6. How involved will the AHSN be in the evaluation process?

In order to remain updated on the progress of the project and therefore evaluation, a member of the EMAHSN innovation exchange team would expect to be invited to a steering group and/or evaluation meetings. This can also help us to identify where we may be able to assist to ensure timescales are met.