

Research Pathfinder Awards

We are pleased to announce the first wave of Trust *Research Pathfinder Awards*, a new scheme to support staff to develop new, investigator-led research that reflects Trust priorities.

Research Pathfinder Awards will fund **protected time** for staff to develop their ideas for new research and to translate these into applications for external research grant funding. It is expected that ideas for new research will be informed by the Trust's Clinical Strategy and the need for evidence to support the delivery of the Trust's Visions and Values.

We are seeking expressions of interest from individual staff for up to 3 new awards. These awards, which will last for **up to 9 months**, will be remunerated at **0.1 wte**. We are will consider applications for up to 0.2wte for shorter periods of time.

Award holders will be expected to deliver at least one new, external research grant application by the end of the funding period. The R&I team will support award holders in all aspects of their work. Award holders are expected to participate in meetings of the Trust Research Development Group.

Applications should take the form of a CV plus a brief proposal (of no more than four sides of A4) (including background, aims & objectives and provisional methods) for the research idea or question you wish to develop further, and a proposed timetable for the work you propose to undertake as part of the Pathfinder Award.

Applications are welcomed from **all** Partnership Trust staff members. Awards are not restricted to medical, Consultant or clinical staff. Applications that seek to develop primary or secondary research (including evidence synthesis or re-use of data collected for other primary purposes) are welcome.

Candidates should discuss applications with their line manager and to provide evidence that the 0.1wte required to undertake this role can be accommodated within their job plan.

Interested individuals are invited to contact Professor Scott Weich (Associate Director for Research & Innovation, scott.weich@covwarkpt.nhs.uk) for further details.

Applications should be sent electronically to Dr Kay Wright (kay.wright@covwarkpt.nhs.uk).