



Supporting innovation across NHS Scotland

Innovation is central to the improvement of patient care – and no one is more ideally placed to create and develop new products and technologies than those already working within our health service.



Scottish Health Innovations Ltd (SHIL) works in partnership with NHS Scotland to identify, protect, develop and commercialise healthcare innovations to improve patient care.

Over 1500 ideas have been submitted to SHIL by healthcare professionals. These ideas originate from different health boards, different medical disciplines and can be at varying stages of development.

Our role is to work in partnership with health professionals to guide them through each stage of the innovation pathway.



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Do you have an idea that could improve patient care?

Ideas and innovations from NHS Scotland staff have led to a variety of new healthcare solutions. To help develop your idea, SHIL have developed some useful guidance for you to consider:

NHS resources

Does your idea have the potential to free up NHS resources from your field of medicine? Will it positively impact the time nursing and clinical colleagues take for a specific task, or replace a piece of equipment that is currently expensive with a more cost effective option?

Market size

Does a market already exist for the idea you have submitted? Does your idea have the potential to generate a new market, and if so how lucrative will that market be? Will your idea cut across a wide range of medical fields, or will it serve a specific 'niche' section of the healthcare landscape?

Novelty and inventiveness

SHIL will consider how novel and inventive the proposed innovation is. The ability to protect the intellectual property (IP) of your idea can be an important factor in whether it will be a commercial success.

Technical feasibility

As the health service transitions to be more technically dependent many of the best innovations will be driven through technology. Many will also have great commercial attraction and potential. But if the idea is more technical in nature, are the components it requires likely to be high value and therefore costly? Will it require a sizeable investment of time and funding?

How do I submit an idea?

- Visit www.shil.co.uk
- Speak to a member of our team at regular drop in sessions
- Stay up to date on Twitter

What will I be asked?

- Title of innovation
- General medical fields it falls into
- A description of your innovation
- What are the advantages of the innovation over current practices. Does it save money, time or generate revenue for the Health Board?
- What stage is the idea?
- Do you require further technical expertise to develop or assess the idea?
- Has the innovation been publicly disclosed?
- Has the development of the idea been funded to date?