

## **HEFT Small Research Grants**

The HEFT Small Research Grants are available to support research primarily in the following areas:

- To obtain pilot data
- Assess feasibility of research ideas, with the aim of securing additional funding for a main phase study
- Collating and writing of research for publication

These awards, up to £5,000 in value and tenable for up to a maximum of 24 months, are provided to cover the cost of the expenses arising from any of the above activity, as detailed in your application. Applications are invited for research projects which have a benefit to the patients who are situated in the Heart of England NHS Foundation Trust catchment area. Applications are welcomed from researchers external to the Heart of England NHS Foundation Trust.

### **Deadlines**

Deadline for Applicants – 31<sup>st</sup> January 2017

Peer Review of applicants – 24<sup>th</sup> February 2017

Final Award Announcement expected – 6<sup>th</sup> March 2017

### **Eligibility**

Awards are open to researchers (or equivalent) who can demonstrate a benefit of their research proposal to the patients who are situated in the Heart of England NHS Foundation Trust catchment area.

The funding is designed to help researchers develop their research ambitions, through pilot/feasibility work or in writing papers for publication. It is not intended for larger scale clinical trials or to supplement grant funded projects or to provide additional NIHR service support costs.

Applications will only be considered from those who do not currently have alternative sources of research funding which could be utilised for their work i.e. commercial funding income held. All applications should demonstrate that funds are sought for a clearly defined, discrete piece of research, which will have an identifiable outcome for HEFT patients on completion. Applications for collaborative or individual projects are equally welcome under this scheme.

Funds are available to facilitate initial project planning and development (pilot and feasibility projects); and to enable the advancement of research scientific publications. Applicants may seek support for any combination of eligible activity and cost up to the overall limit of £5,000. All applications will be subject to an independent peer review. The HEFT R&D management team will assess applications equally on their merits, with no preference as to mode of enquiry.