Aim of the Support Fund: The fund aims to support the use of quality improvement methodology and tools to inform the development of patient care and services, alongside the development of the workforce in improvement skills.

Who can bid for funds: This is a Wessex based initiative. Please see the eligibility criteria below for more details.

What should the funds be used for: We ask that the funding is used to support either:

1. A healthcare issue linked to one of the following areas, and which will use improvement methodology and tools as a key component of the work:

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2. The development or continuing professional development of the workforce in quality improvement (this could be on an individual, team or organisation basis).

The funding should be utilised between September 2018 and September 2019 (although the piece of work or development may not span this entire period). Those who are successful in being awarded monies from this support fund will be required to provide progress reports during the year and present their work at a celebration event in autumn 2019.

Financial Support: Bids can be submitted for a maximum of £10,000. The monies awarded will be paid directly to the successful organisation/employer.

Application sign off: All bids require the support of someone who works at executive director level within the organisation/employer. This is to ensure that applicants will be supported by their organisation/employer if successful in being awarded funding.

How to apply: Please submit your completed bid application form to qualityimprovement.WX@hee.nhs.uk by 09.00 Tuesday 3 April 2018.

Review of bids: The outcome of the bid process and allocation of funding will be confirmed by end April 2018.

Any queries: Please contact qualityimprovement.WX@hee.nhs.uk
To be eligible to bid for funding from the HEE Wessex Quality Improvement Support Fund the following criteria must be met:

**Employment:**
- Applicants must currently deliver or be employed by an organisation or network within the Health Education England (Wessex) area that is delivering NHS healthcare
- The geographical area covered by Health Education England (Wessex) is Hampshire, Isle of Wight; Dorset and South Wiltshire
- Applicants will need to demonstrate that they have support from an Executive Director in their employing organisation or network where the funding will be invested

**Bids must fall into either of the following categories**

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   - Cancer Care
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   - Primary Care
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Bids will also require:
- Evidence that the bid links with the Strategic plan of the organisation/employer or network
- Evidence that applicants have worked with an appropriate senior individual who will support the implementation this piece of work or utilisation the funding

**The Bid Application**

The template (application form) provided to complete bids must be used for all applications. Applications not made via the bid template or submitted after the published application deadline will not be considered.

Bids will be required to include the following:
- Type of bid that is being requested
- Appropriate sign off
- Proposed approach as to how the funding will be utilised, including a breakdown of costs
- Proposed outcome measures
- Anticipated outputs
- Any risks associated