

# Spotlight Series



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## HSE Spark Innovation Programme Opportunities

### Introduction

The **Patient Safety Together Spotlight Series** highlights different patient safety initiatives, resources, content and examples of local shared learning that may impact the wider healthcare audience in Ireland.

In this instalment we shine a spotlight on some current opportunities on offer from the HSE Spark Innovation Programme.

### What is the HSE Spark Innovation Programme?

The Spark Innovation Programme, open to doctors (NCHDs and consultants), HSCPs, nurses and midwives, inspires healthcare workers to develop solutions to improve our health service.



### Current opportunities within Spark

1. The HSE Spark Innovation '**Productivity Boost**' initiative (open to all HSE staff and all staff within section 38 organisations)

Every year, HSE Spark receives hundreds of applications for funding and guidance from the frontline to support projects and initiatives that have a clear focus on productivity and efficiency. We are in no doubt that healthcare workers are best positioned to both identify challenges within the system and to generate high impact solutions that will deliver better care for their patients.

This initiative provides funding support for innovative projects that align with the Quadruple Aim of Healthcare:

- Improving Patient Experience
- Improving Patient Outcomes
- Reducing the Cost of Care
- Improving the Experience of Healthcare Providers

#### Funding Categories:

- €5,000 - €20,000 / €20,000 - €50,000 / €50,000+

#### Key Dates:

- **Application Deadline:** Midnight, 28th August 2024
- **Information Webinar:** 8th August, 12:30 - 13:15

#### Next Steps:

- Learn more about the call here:  
[https://assets.hse.ie/media/documents/Productivity\\_Boost\\_info\\_booklet.pdf](https://assets.hse.ie/media/documents/Productivity_Boost_info_booklet.pdf)



- Sign up for our Information Webinar here: <https://hse-ie.libwizard.com/id/1cb313e5f943093dcd04914ae5b3a112>
- Apply to the 'Productivity Boost' Initiative here: [Application Portal](#)

If you have a project that can streamline processes, reduce costs, or enhance patient care, we encourage you to apply! This is a unique chance to bring your innovative ideas to life with substantial funding support. We would also encourage you to share this information with your colleagues who may also be interested in this initiative.

2. The HSE Spark Innovation Programme is offering **fully funded bursaries** for two exciting courses commencing in September/October 2024. This opportunity is open to all healthcare staff across the HSE and Section 38 Organisations.



**Professional Diploma in Service Design** at the National College of Art & Design (Hybrid delivery)

Supported by HSE Spark & NCAD Health Design Labs, this course will help you develop innovative service design solutions within the healthcare sector, enhancing both your personal skills and your professional impact. More details: [Service Design Course Details](#)

**Innovation in Healthcare and Science** at RCSI (Fully online delivery)

This course is designed to build practical knowledge around innovation and foster innovative practice in the healthcare and science setting.

More details: [Innovation in Healthcare and Science Course Details](#)

**Application Process:** To apply for these unique opportunities, please submit an expression of interest to [spark@hse.ie](mailto:spark@hse.ie) (500 words max) by the **18th of August 2024**.

Please title the statement "HSE Spark Bursary" and include: Your name / Your role / Area of specialty / Which course you are interested in pursuing / Why do you feel you are a suitable candidate to receive the bursary

Don't miss out on this chance to enhance your skill-set and explore the world of service design and innovation in healthcare. The deadline for submissions is approaching, so seize the opportunity now!

## Where can I get further information?



More information on the HSE Spark Innovation Programme is available at

<https://healthservice.hse.ie/staff/spark-innovation-programme/>

Or contact [spark@hse.ie](mailto:spark@hse.ie)



The Spotlight Series is available on the HSE's Patient Safety Together website [www.hse.ie/pst](http://www.hse.ie/pst)

If you would like to discuss a potential Spotlight Series instalment please contact [patientsafetytogether@hse.ie](mailto:patientsafetytogether@hse.ie)

