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Bevan Exemplars Programme: Cohort 8

Call for Applications (Call Closes 23:59 on 26th January 2023)

Guidance Document



What are Bevan Exemplars?

Bevan Exemplars are health and care professionals from across Wales who are supported by the Bevan Commission to *develop, test, and evaluate* their own innovative ideas, which aim to transform how we deliver health and care services across Wales. These ideas (Bevan Exemplar projects) may include: *new products, processes or services, new ways of working, new service delivery models or interventions, novel skills development initiatives or other innovative approaches to delivering change.*

What is the Bevan Exemplar programme?

The Bevan Exemplar Programme, delivered by the Bevan Commission and kindly supported by the NHS Health Boards and Trusts across Wales, supports health and care professionals to take their prudent and innovative ideas and translate them into practice to drive positive change across health and care systems in Wales.

Our 12-month '*try out and test*' approach provides training, mentorship, and a supportive environment to challenge current thinking, develop skills and confidence, and provide expert insight, to enable our Exemplars to become change leaders, transforming health and care services across Wales from within.

Over the last seven years, the Bevan Exemplar programme has supported over 300 different innovation projects, spanning a diverse array of specialisms, and is now preparing to welcome its eighth cohort. Previous cohorts of Exemplars have demonstrated significant success and delivered demonstrable positive impact, with many of our Exemplar projects being recognised on the national and international stage and receiving awards and other accolades.

What support does the Exemplar Programme offer participants?

The Bevan Exemplar Programme provides a comprehensive package of training and support for Exemplars to *try out, test and evaluate* their new ideas. This includes:

- A tailored series of network events and skills development workshops
- Time and space to develop and test new ways of working
- Expert mentorship from senior leaders from across health and care
- Access to expert advice from world renowned leaders, the Bevan Commissioners
- Access to the Bevan Commission's Intensive Learning Week (ILW)
- 1-2-1 sessions and evaluation support from the Bevan Commission
- Bespoke tools, techniques, and resources designed to support project development
- Peer learning and Exemplar alumni networks to challenge, share and test ideas
- A platform to share and communicate their work nationally and internationally

Bevan Exemplars: Call for Applications and Programme Themes:

This year's Bevan Exemplar Programme call '*Driving Change in Challenging Times*' challenges applicants to develop prudent and **innovative solutions** to overcome issues facing the sustainable delivery of health and care services in Wales. Applications are encouraged around the **following themes**, aligned with Welsh Government and NHS Wales priorities:

- *Preventing Illness, Early Intervention and Supporting Care in the Community*
- *New Models of Integrated Health and Social Care*
- *Reducing Waste across Health and Care*
- *Supporting the Recovery of Elective Care*
- *Improving Care for Patients with Cancer*
- *Reducing Inequalities and Transforming Mental Health Services*

We would also welcome other applications consistent with your organisation's priorities.

Additional programme application requirements:

Alongside aligning with the core programme themes identified previously, applicants are also expected to demonstrate how they fulfil the additional programme criteria, set out below:

- Alignment with the Prudent Healthcare Principles (which can be found [here](#))
- Demonstration of a clear, defined need for change aligned with the programme themes
- Project proposals that are innovative (new to Wales) in nature
- Project plans that are deliverable within the 12-month programme duration
- Collaborative approaches involving partnership working at local/regional/national levels
- Clear strategies for sharing of learning with other health boards/trusts/local authorities
- Ideas that have the potential to be scaled up and adopted on a pan-Wales basis

Who can apply to the Programme?

Applications to the Bevan Exemplar programme are open to anyone who has an innovative project idea working in health and social care across *NHS Wales, Local Authorities, and the Voluntary Sector*. Wider partners from across other domains are also welcome, provided they are working in partnership with the identified stakeholders.

How do I apply to the Bevan Exemplar Programme?

To apply for Cohort 8 of the Bevan Exemplar programme, applicants are encouraged to follow the process outlined on the following page of this document. **All final applications to the programme must be submitted using the Online Submission Form**, which can be found on the programme webpage.

The Bevan Exemplar Cohort 8 Application process:

- Take time to clearly think through your idea
- Carefully read through the *Application Guidance Document*
- Review our library of previous *Bevan Exemplar Projects*
- Ensure your idea aligns with one (or more) of the core programme themes
- Ensure your idea aligns with one the *Prudent Healthcare Principles*
- Consider the questions outlined in the *Application Template Form*
- Contact your local innovation lead (see below) and discuss your idea with them
- Secure support from your line manager and local innovation lead
- Join our *Information Briefing Sessions* (see below) and ask any questions you have
- Complete and **submit your application through the *Online Submission Form* by 23:59 pm on the 26th of January 2023.**

Key Application Process Dates and Milestones:

Key dates for the Bevan Exemplar Programme Cohort 8 application process are outlined below. At this point, please keep in mind that **Cohort 8 of the Bevan Exemplar programme will begin on March 7th, 2023**. As such, applicants are encouraged to ensure this date is clearly marked in their diary at point of application.

Key Activity:	Date:
<i>Call for Applications Opens</i>	11/11/2022
<i>Information Briefing Session 1</i>	30/11/2022
<i>Information Briefing Session 2</i>	16/01/2023
<i>Call for Applications Closes</i>	26/01/2023
<i>Programme Begins</i>	07/03/2023

Guidance and Information for Applicants:

Alongside this *Application Guidance Document*, applicants are also advised to consider the *Application Template Form* (Word), which is provided to support the planning of your project proposal prior to submission using *the Online Application Form* **by at latest 11:59pm on the 26th of January 2023**.

The Bevan Commission will also be running two *Information Briefing Sessions*, which aim to provide interested parties with the opportunity to learn more about the programme and ask any additional questions they might have. The dates and links for the *Information Briefing Sessions* can be found on the following page and you can also sign up using the links provided on the Bevan Exemplar Programme webpage.

- [Information Briefing Session 1: 30/11/2022 \(10:00 – 11:00\)](#)
- [Information Briefing Session 2: 16/01/2023 \(13:00 – 14:00\)](#)

Contacting your Local Innovation Lead:

It is imperative that all project applications are discussed and supported by your Line Manager and your Local Innovation Lead prior to submission. **All applications must be approved at an organisational level through these stakeholders if they are to proceed to the programme selection panel.** Information about your Local Innovation Lead can be found below.

Organisation:	Health Board Lead:	Lead Contact Information:
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<i>Welsh Ambulance Service NHS Trust</i>	Dr. Nigel Rees	nigel.rees5@wales.nhs.uk

Previous Exemplar Projects:

Applicants are also encouraged to take time to review the Bevan Commission's library of previous Bevan Exemplar projects, which will provide insight and context relating to the information outlined in this call for applications. This and other related information can be found on the Bevan Commission [website](#).

Additional Information:

If successful, certain sections of your application form will be used to populate your project webpage at the onset of the programme. This will allow the Bevan Commission to communicate the successful projects to interested stakeholders across Wales from the onset of the programme.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs):

1. Who can apply to the Bevan Exemplar programme?

The Bevan Exemplar programme are open to anyone working in health and social care across NHS Wales, Local Authorities, and the Voluntary Sector. However, projects must be supported by an NHS Wales Health Board or Trust.

2. Can my application involve more than one person/organisation?

Yes, collaborative projects are strongly encouraged, however, the project must be led by one of the stakeholders identified above and supported by an NHS Wales Health Board or Trust.

3. How will my project application be assessed?

Applications to the Bevan Exemplar programme will be assessed by an expert selection panel according to programme fit and criteria set out within the application form and guidance documents.

4. How long is the programme and when will it start?

The programme will last 12 months and will begin on the 7th of March 2023. All projects are expected to be completed within the 12-month programme duration, including an evaluation of its impact.

5. How much time do I need to commit to the programme?

You are required to commit up to six days throughout the duration of the 12-month programme to attend the mandatory network events. Other knowledge sharing workshop activities will be optional. You will also be required to commit one day dedicated to communicating the findings of your project at the programme showcase event.

6. What support will I get as a participant of the Bevan Exemplar programme?

As noted previously, the Bevan Exemplar programme aims to provide a comprehensive package of support for participants, including network days, workshops, mentorship, time and space to innovate as well as opportunities to showcase projects at a national and international level. Bevan Exemplars will also get the opportunity to partake in our Intensive Learning Week.

7. Is there any funding associated with the Bevan Exemplar programme?

There is no funding allocated specifically via the Bevan Exemplar programme, however, where appropriate we will do our best to highlight potential funding opportunities for Exemplars.

8. What are the benefits of participating on the Bevan Exemplar programme?

Being part of the Bevan Exemplar programme is associated with a number of benefits for participants and their organisations alike. This includes a series of knowledge and skills development activities, access to bespoke tools and techniques to support project development and access to world leading experts through mentors and Bevan commissioners. The programme also provides participants time and space with to innovate alongside a wider cohort of health and care professionals and an alumni network.

9. How innovative does my project have to be?

Projects need to demonstrate that they are new to Wales and provide appropriate justification and accompanying evidence to support this.

10. Who will be supporting my project within my organisation?

Your Local Innovation Lead and Line Manager will be your first point of contact within your organisation, whilst you will also either identify an executive sponsor yourself within your organisation or you will be linked with one.

Further Questions and Contact Details:

If you have any questions relating to the Bevan Exemplar programme and/or your application, please don't hesitate to contact the Bevan Commission's Innovation Lead, Dr. Tom Howson, on T.e.howson@swansea.ac.uk or otherwise contact the Bevan Commission on Bevan-commission@swansea.ac.uk.