

## Equalities Fund Application Brief

### About Us?

Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust (MFT) is the largest NHS Trust in the UK with over 28,000 staff and manages the following 10 hospitals:

Manchester Royal Infirmary  
Royal Eye Hospital  
University Dental Hospital  
Wythenshawe, Withington, Altrincham and Trafford Hospitals  
North Manchester General  
Royal Manchester Children's Hospital  
St Marys Hospital and  
Manchester and Trafford Local Care Organisation which includes community services and Clinical and Scientific Services such as laboratories, Imaging, allied health professionals, pharmacy and critical care.



MFT are developing a new **diagnostics** model where more Community Diagnostic Centres (CDC's) are created in free standing locations away from main hospital sites



**Diagnostics** means when you have tests to find out if something is wrong with your health.



More people need more tests, like blood tests or X-rays, to help them get treatment and operations quickly.



Patient waiting lists have gone up as has the gap between different groups of people



This Application brief tells you about how you can support the Community Diagnostic Centres

*MFT through the Community Diagnostic Centres have made available funds ranging from £100, up to a maximum of £20,000 per project/application to support its work in reducing health inequalities.*





Patients have told us the areas are of importance to them



- Support with making practical changes to CDC services
- Support with making practical changes to CDC facilities
- Providing experiences and insight about local communities and cultural competency to staff working within the CDC's
- Improve communications (e.g. signage and patient info)

The fund is targeted at groups working with individuals from one or more of the protected groups



We are very interested in new, innovative, imaginative or pioneering projects which have perhaps not yet caught the public imagination and will have the biggest impact on health inequalities.



The projects funded would be developed by those groups, and might include:

- Community engagement work, such as community focus groups to support in raising awareness of and/or build confidence in accessing CDC services, funds can cover the venue costs, facilitation and travel costs of community members participating.
- Co-development of accessible information relating to CDC services, videos, Ted talks, etc.
  - ✓ Projects supporting communities in Central Manchester
  - ✓ Projects supporting communities in North Manchester
  - ✓ Projects supporting communities in Trafford
  - ✓ Projects supporting communities in South Manchester

We will accept collaborative applications from organisations working in partnership

This funding will help sustain the efforts of smaller groups that have limited resources, which support communities of people that are experiencing health inequalities.

### **What we won't fund**

Funds should not support an organisations campaigning, organisational development, or capacity building.

We will not support work which represents a significant shift away from your existing core aims and experience.

## How to apply?

We use an online application system.

- To make an application to us, please click here to complete <https://forms.office.com/r/1NGv9Z1s> the application form.



- If you are unable to use this system, or have problems accessing the form, do please email [louise.rutter@mft.nhs.uk](mailto:louise.rutter@mft.nhs.uk).
- You can also complete the application using the below QR code



**The application deadline is midday, Friday 20 January 2023.**



**Other requirements:** If you are successful in applying for funds, you must have planned to spend it by 30 September 2023

You must also complete a short monitoring form by 30 September 2023 to be shared with NHS England to evidence the impact that your project has had, and the number of people reached by your project

We will share good practice  
with other organisations.

Please get in touch with us if you have any queries, or specific questions about applying to [louise.rutter@mft.nhs.uk](mailto:louise.rutter@mft.nhs.uk) Tel: 07816182803



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“Community Diagnostic Centres will deliver additional, digitally connected, diagnostic capacity in England, providing patients with a coordinated set of diagnostic tests in the community, in as few visits as possible, enabling an accurate and fast diagnosis on a range of a clinical pathways.” NHS England.