



United Kingdom examples of innovations in health



Public Procurement Principle: **Balance**



Procurement Stage: **Pre-tendering, Tendering**



Audience: **Procuring entity, Policy maker**

Description

Through “The Health Foundation” initiative, several projects were selected to compete under the headline “Innovating for Improvement”. The aims were to identify projects to improve healthcare delivery and/or the way people manage their own health care by testing and developing innovative ideas and approaches and putting them into practice. The following projects were part of the competition:

Maternal risk assessment: management by and with pregnant women, where they want and need it. ‘SAFER’ is a risk assessment tool that is used to assess antenatal risks and develop comprehensive clinical management plans. This project will involve testing this methodology and engaging pregnant women in its development and implementation, with the aim of creating a communitybased model that will improve maternal outcomes.

Introducing tele-psychiatry into routine practice in an emergency department psychiatric service. Tele-psychiatry uses video-conferencing to deliver mental health services from a distance. This project aims to improve patient satisfaction and reduce costs by trialling tele-psychiatry in three ways: to provide senior medical opinion on complex cases; to complete assessments at distance; and to provide follow-up home appointments using patients’ own technology.

Home monitoring to support patients during chemotherapy. This project involves the piloting of an innovative remote monitoring service for cancer patients who are measuring their white blood cells, haemoglobin, body temperature and self-reported symptoms in their own home, with the aim of improving patients’ quality of life during chemotherapy and reducing the number of hospital visits.

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