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Dear Colleagues,

Call for Applications – Efficiency through Technology Funding 2017-19 (Revenue only)

Following the success of the first tranche of ETTF applicant projects, I am pleased to confirm further funding arrangements to provide support for efficiency improvements through the use of technology. This is an opportunity for you to bring forward more projects which can quickly make an impact on the financial challenge that we face across the system.

As we have seen in many of the examples of current ETTF projects, this funding has a strong emphasis on taking quick practical actions to improve the efficiency and sustainability of healthcare services. We cannot afford to postpone this effort due to current pressures, and I expect once again to see a good number of strong project proposals, drawn from your integrated medium term plan, which can make an immediate start. Project proposals are invited against two funding themes:

* Rapid evaluation projects - to test the real world impact of new products and services on efficiency and effectiveness. These projects must complete within nine months, with a funding requirement of £50k to £200k.

* Scale-up projects - to accelerate the adoption of products and services which demonstrate significant improvements in efficiency and effectiveness, to national or regional level. These projects can run for up to three years with a minimum funding requirement of £200k.

The application and selection process is very straightforward – project proposals of up to four pages in length must be submitted by 30 November 2016 (I have attached the form for your convenience) and we aim to confirm funding for selected projects by the end of January. The Fund team can be reached by email at healthtechfund@wales.gsi.gov.uk and would be happy to meet with you to discuss your proposals and the fund criteria in more detail, and to provide further guidance and clarification where required.

Yours sincerely,

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