



### Grant Making Policy

Our grant making continues to be founded on a set of core principles. Grants awarded should be:

- *Focused primarily on enhancing the welfare of patients and service users of King's College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust* - However, we will continue to collaborate with colleagues across King's Health Partners and to support an integrated fundraising team to realise our shared ambition for excellence in teaching and clinical care, underpinned by world class research;
- *Aligned with King's College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust's strategy* – Our activities will be supportive of the Foundation Trust's plans and emerging priorities whether these are developments in key specialties; system wide changes that will support the Foundation Trust's overall strategic development, or projects that will enhance its distinctiveness, reputation and standing locally, nationally and internationally;
- *Additional* – the Charity will augment not replace expenditure which should be funded from NHS budgets, and will seek to fund developments which cannot be funded via other sources of voluntary income (See Additionality Policy overleaf);
- *Innovative* – the Charity is keen to support projects that push the boundaries and transform services and outcomes for patients and service users, and is prepared to accept a degree of risk associated with this type of funding;
- *Evidence based* – the Charity will support developments that are supported by clear research evidence, or that will help build the evidence base through innovation and evaluation, and can therefore demonstrate positive impact i.e. on the quality of services, the experience of patients (and their families) and on health outcomes;
- *Sustainable* – the Charity will pump prime innovation in service development and/or early research. We will provide ongoing funding for projects only where these are either truly additional, or where there are realistic plans for securing longer term funding. We will only pay for equipment and facilities where ongoing funding for maintenance costs is in place;
- *Value for money* - the Charity will seek to prioritise projects according to the expected returns i.e. the level of investment versus the expected outcomes and impact;
- *Aligned with King's College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust policies* – All grant expenditure must be compliant with Foundation Trust policies and procedures e.g. in terms of recruitment, procurement etc.