

Fast-Track Cities Initiative Improvement Fund - clarification questions



No.	Date Received	Question	Answer
1	02.10.19	If an NHS organisation has a good idea – will you help match-make with a VCSE organisation?	Yes, please email hlp.londonftci@nhs.net with your trust/location details and key focus areas you are interested in. Your contact details will then be provided to interested voluntary sector organisations.
2	02.10.19	Why haven't we implemented NICE guidance on A&E plus primary care testing?	This is out of scope of this fund and is a CCG responsibility to commission. We are however looking at working with the HIV clinical forum to raise this issue again through the London Vision work which is ongoing.
3	02.10.19	Our patient group is made up of destitute people who are lost to follow-up because they cannot afford to travel. How do we address this?	We will consider proposals to address this issue along with all other proposals.
4	02.10.19	Could you clarify the difference between the stigma workstream and the improvement fund workstream?	The stigma workstream is currently in its design phase, being worked on by a Fast-Track Cities Stigma Sub-group. This group is made up of representatives from all organisations. We will share the plans for this work later this year.
5	02.10.19	Should we consider including Hep C work with HIV?	Yes, if an idea can be easily scaled to include Hep C you may incorporate this into your bid, but it is not mandatory.
6	02.10.19	Do ideas for the improvement fund have to be 'innovative' or 'new' ideas or would projects just have to impact on the UNAIDS targets?	No, but if a project has a current funding source which may be defunded if we support an expansion then no net benefit would be achieved through funding. Bids will be assessed on the potential impact which they could have on the stated target areas.
7	02.10.19	Do voluntary sector organisations have to partner with other voluntary sector organisations?	No, voluntary sector organisations can make individual bids, however, we encourage submissions which take a collaborative approach as well.
8	02.10.19	Can we expand upon an already existing service?	Yes, however we will be examining each bid to ensure there is no risk of the improvement fund providing funding which substitutes any original funding arrangements. We also will be looking at whether this proposed bid or service should already be funded by any of the relevant statutory bodies.