

Bevan Exemplar Cohort 9

Application Guidance document

Social Care

Application deadline: 14th July 2024

What are Bevan Exemplars?

Bevan Exemplars are health and social care professionals from across Wales who are supported by the Bevan Commission to develop, test and evaluate their own innovative ideas over a 12-month period. The ideas may include (amongst other forms): innovative products, processes and services, new ways of working, new models or interventions, or novel skills development approaches across health and social care arenas.

What is the Bevan Exemplars programme?

The Bevan Commission's Bevan Exemplar programme supports health and social care professionals to take prudent and innovative ideas and translate them into practice. Our 12-month try out and test approach provides training and mentorship to inform thinking and develop skills so our Exemplars can transform health and social care services from within, having positive impacts on areas including outcomes for users of care and support, or patients, lived experiences, quality and safety, and service efficiency. To date, the programme has supported over 350 innovation projects and is now entering its ninth cohort.

This Year's Call for Applications:

This year's Bevan Exemplar Programme call is titled **Achieving Change Together** and challenges applicants to develop **innovative solutions** to overcome issues currently facing the delivery of health and social care services in Wales. Applications to the programme this year are encouraged around the core themes outlined below, aligning with Welsh Government and NHS Wales priorities:

- Supporting prevention, early diagnosis and treatment (particularly related to Cancer)
- Tackling issues related to mental health and women's health
- Transforming care for those with long term conditions (for example Diabetes and Cardiovascular Disease).
- Supporting older people, frailty and preventing falls

and the Bevan Commission's Foundations for the Future Model of Health and Care (further information here: [The Foundations for the Future Model of Health and Care in Wales](#)):

- Building resilient and resourceful people and communities
- Reducing waste across health and social care
- Integrating care and tackling inequalities
- Using data and technology to support system change

We would also welcome other applications consistent with your organisation's priorities.

Additional Programme Application Requirements:

Alongside aligning with the core programme themes identified above, applicants are also expected to demonstrate how they fulfil additional programme criteria, which are outlined below:

- Alignment with the Prudent Health and Care principles (which can be found [here](#))
- Demonstration of a clear and identified need for change in line with the programme themes
- Project proposals that are innovative (new to Wales) in nature
- Project plans that are deliverable within the 12-month programme duration
- Collaborative approaches that involve partnership working at local/regional/national levels
- Clear strategies for the sharing of learning with other organisations.
- Ideas that have the potential to be scaled up and adopted on a pan-Wales basis

Who can apply to the programme?

Applications to the Bevan Exemplar programme are open to anyone working in health and social care across **NHS Wales, Local Authorities, and the Voluntary Sector**. Wider partners from across other domains, e.g. private sector organisations are also welcome, provided they are working in partnership with a public sector partner. If other arrangements are required, please discuss these with the Bevan Commission.

What support does the Bevan Exemplars Programme offer participants?

The Bevan Exemplar Programme provides a comprehensive package of training and support for health and social care professionals to try out and test their new ideas. This includes:

- A tailored series of network events and skills development workshops
- Time and space to develop and test new ways of working
- Expert mentorship from senior leaders from across health and social care
- Access to expert advice from world renowned leaders through the Bevan Commissioners
- Access to the Bevan Commission's Innovation Intensive Learning Week (ILW)
- 1-2-1 sessions and evaluation support from the Bevan Commission
- Bespoke tools, techniques, and resources designed to support project development
- Peer learning and Exemplar alumni networks to challenge, share and test ideas
- A national platform to share and communicate their work nationally and internationally

How to Apply to the Bevan Exemplars Programme:

To apply for Cohort 9 of the Bevan Exemplar programme, potential applicants are encouraged to follow the steps outlined below. All final applications to the programme must be submitted using the online submission form, which can be found on the Cohort 9 call [webpage](#).

Application process:

- Consider the questions outlined in the application template form [here](#)
- Ensure your idea aligns with one (or more) of the core programme themes
- Ensure your idea aligns with one (or more) of the Prudent Health and Care Principles
- Contact your Organisational Manager and discuss your project with them.
- Contact Social Care Wales to discuss your project. Social Care Wales' Innovation Team are offering to support applicants through the application process (contact details can be found later in this document)
- Secure support from your line manager
- Join our online information briefing sessions (below) and ask any questions you might have
- Complete the **online application form** found on the Cohort 9 call [webpage](#).
- Following this, the outcomes of the selection process will be communicated with applicants

Key Programme Dates and Milestones:

Key dates for the Bevan Exemplar Programme Cohort 9 application process are outlined below. At this point, please keep in mind that **the programme will begin on 16th September 2024**. As such, applicants are encouraged to ensure this date is clearly marked in their diary at point of application.

Key Activity:	Date:
Call for Applications Opens	08/05/24
Information Briefing Session 1	20/05/24
Information Briefing Session 2	20/06/24
Call for Applications Closes	11.59pm on 14/07/24
Programme Begins	16/09/2024

Bevan Exemplar Programme Information Briefing Sessions:

To support applicants throughout the application process, two online information briefing sessions will be held on the times and dates outlined below. These sessions provide an opportunity for applicants to learn more about the Bevan Commission and the Bevan Exemplar Programme, as well as allowing them to ask any questions they might have related to their application and the application process.

- [Information Briefing Session 1](#): 20th May 2024 1.00pm – 2.00pm
- [Information Briefing Session 2](#): 20th June 2024, 11.00am – 12.00pm

Please sign up to the Information Briefing Sessions using the links provided above or those located on the call [webpage](#).

Expectations:

The following section of this document outlines expectations that the Exemplar should have of the Bevan Commission and their organisation. It also outlines the Bevan Commission's expectation of Bevan Exemplars who are successful in their application to the programme.

Exemplars should expect the Bevan Commission to provide:

- A programme of knowledge, skills and leadership development
- Tailored network events and encourage peer support networks
- Coaching and mentoring, support to resolve delivery issues
- Help to make connections to expert leaders across health and care
- Provide a platform to promote and publicise the Exemplars' work widely
- Work with you/your organisation to identify an Executive Sponsor if you don't have one

Exemplars should expect their organisations to:

- Encourage and support them to partake in events and activities, and give them time to do so
- Be committed to supporting them to deliver their project and provide appropriate resources
- Help them to overcome challenges or obstacles to delivery internally.

The Bevan Commission expects Exemplars to:

- Fully commit to participating in the events and networking (up to 6 days) per programme
- Promote and champion the Prudent Health and Social Care agenda

- Publicise and promote their work as a Bevan Exemplar
- Provide feedback and evaluate the impact and outcomes of their work
- Act as a champion for the Bevan Commission, the Exemplar programme, and innovation
- Provide updates and reports to the Bevan Commission and your organisation as requested
- Inform the work of the Bevan Commissions and your organisation.

Organisational Lead Contact Details:

All applications will require approval **prior to submission** by their organisational manager on behalf of their organisation. Once the application has been submitted, **the Bevan Commission will also confirm organisational support** with your organisational manager. This is to ensure that you are able to participate in the programme and attend the mandatory programme of events. It is therefore strongly advised that you discuss your application with your manager prior to submitting it through the online form.

Applicants who work in social care can, if they wish, contact the Innovation Coaching Team at Social Care Wales who can support your thinking around the application process. Contact details: innovationcoaching@socialcare.wales or anogaetharloesedd@gofalcymdeithasol.cymru.

Additional Information:

If successful, certain sections of your application form will be used to populate your project webpage at the onset of the programme. This will allow the Bevan Commission to communicate the successful projects to interested stakeholders across Wales from the onset of the programme.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs):

1. Who can apply to the Bevan Exemplar programme?

The Bevan Exemplar programme is open to anyone working in health and social care across NHS Wales, Local Authorities, and the Voluntary Sector.

2. Can my application involve more than one person/organisation?

Yes, collaborative projects are strongly encouraged, however, the project must be led by one of the stakeholders identified above.

3. How will my project application be assessed?

Applications to the Bevan Exemplar programme will be assessed by an expert selection panel according to programme fit and specific criteria set out within the application form and guidance documents.

4. How long is the programme and when will it start?

The programme will last 12 months and will begin with an event on 16th September 2024 – please save this date in your diary. All projects are expected to be completed within the 12-month programme duration including an evaluation of its impact.

5. How much time do I need to commit to the programme?

You are required to commit up to 6 days throughout the duration of the 12-month programme to attend the mandatory network events. Other workshop activities will be optional.

6. What support will I get as a participant of the Bevan Exemplar programme?

As noted previously, the Bevan Exemplar programme aims to provide a comprehensive package of support for participants, including network days, workshops, mentorship, time and space to innovate as well as opportunities to showcase projects at a national and international level.

7. Is there any funding associated with the Bevan Exemplar programme?

There is no funding allocated specifically via the Bevan Exemplar programme, however, where appropriate we will do our best to highlight potential funding opportunities for participants.

8. What are the benefits of participating on the Bevan Exemplar programme?

Being part of the Bevan Exemplar programme is associated with a number of benefits for participants and their organisations alike. This includes a series of knowledge and skills development activities, access to bespoke tools and techniques to support project development and access to world leading experts through mentors and Bevan commissioners. The programme also provides participants time and space with to innovate alongside a wider cohort of innovators, as well as credibility to support their project through association with the Bevan Exemplar's brand.

9. How innovative does my project have to be?

Projects need to demonstrate that they are new to Wales and provide appropriate justification and accompanying evidence to support this.

10. Who will be supporting my project within my organisation?

Your organisational manager will be your first point of contact within your organisation and you will also be linked with Social Care Wales for social care related applications.

If you have any questions regarding applications to the Bevan Exemplar programme, we'd recommend attending one of the information briefing sessions and if you have any further queries, please do get in touch with Helen Williams, Project Officer,

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