

## CREATE 2021

HSE National Disability Operations and the National Clinical Programme for People with Disabilities (NCPDP) invites applications for a digital and assistive technology (DAT) fund called **CREATE 2021 (Cooperative Real Engagement for Assistive Technology Enhancement 2021)**.

Eligible organisations are HSE and HSE-funded organisations (Section 38 and 39s).

The focus will be on digital and assistive technology (DAT) users (or potential users) of any age in any setting to meet their needs and in particular unmet needs. The grants are to finance **digital and assistive technology initiatives** that will both enhance the provision and utilisation of DAT for individuals with disability and to do so in a way that contributes to creating a stronger systemic approach within the disability sector. In addition to the funding of DAT, a strong focus of this initiative is to stimulate organisations to work collaboratively and with service users and others in the disability sector, to co-design systemic improvements in how DAT services are delivered in Ireland in future.

Applications will be evaluated on evidence of the following criteria:

1. Existing **record of accomplishment** in working with digital and/or assistive technologies in Ireland to deliver person-centred services to a large number of individuals with disabilities.
2. A focus on **person and/or family-centeredness** and meeting identified needs
3. A willingness to **work collectively and collaboratively** with service users, other service providers and the wider disability sector to co-design systems improvements in the delivery of DAT to enhance people's lives
4. Awareness of and capacity to deliver on **particular opportunities or scenarios** in which DAT can be introduced, scaled up, or used more effectively; including the piloting of new initiatives
5. An outline of **proposed DAT purchases, related activities** and how these may be evaluated.

Applications may be funded between **€75,000-€250,000** and must be aligned with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disability (UNCRPD) and The National Disability Inclusion Strategy 2017-2021.

Please find attached **application form** and please read **CREATE 2021 - Additional Information** (attached).

Please send your completed application form to [SeanJ.OConnor@hse.ie](mailto:SeanJ.OConnor@hse.ie) no later than **12pm on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2021**