



**Spark Curiosity:** This suite of initiatives is designed to start the conversation with regard to innovation and systemic openness to change, cultivating a culture where doctors are encouraged to explore new technologies, processes and practices. Eg: The Spark Summit and the DPER/Spark Innovation Pop Up Pod



**Spark Funding:** Spark Seed Funding provides micro-funding of up to €3,000 to those who successfully pitch their ideas for process improvements, platforms or device design. Participants are mentored and given transferrable skills via workshops and by the National Innovation Fellow. Innovation Funding provides for larger scale funding to develop innovation projects that enhance our healthcare service.



**Spark Ignite:** This calls for medical device ideas that have potential for scalability. It is open to all staff in hospital and community health organisations. Project owners are invited to participate in a mini-accelerator program to further develop their idea over 6 weeks, with the winner receiving a bursary to develop their idea.



**Spark Generation:** The aim of this initiative is to address some of the shortfall in skills and knowledge evident in our health service, with a focus on NCHDs. We are developing a Health Informatics and Innovation diploma for NCHDs and also a Health Informatics Fellowship in Radiology.



**Spark Connects:** Develops the Innovation in Healthcare network by providing links and brokering relationships between like-minded individuals. By developing links with industry, academia and other stakeholders in healthcare, clinicians will have a network of resources to develop their own innovation projects.



**Bright Spark:** Annually, all initiatives and projects within the SPARK umbrella are invited to compete for a Bright Spark award. Winning projects are celebrated and published. The individuals and organisations involved receive national recognition for their efforts.