

# Spark Ignite

## Spark Ignite Competition 2020

Launching 3rd February 2020  
Open to all HSE staff

Have you solutions that will have a real impact on the patient and/or the healthcare system? Spark Ignite would like to hear from you.

### About Spark Ignite

The Health Innovation Hub Ireland (HIHI), Office of the Nursing and Midwifery Services Director (ONMSD), and National Doctors Training & Planning (NDTP) are delighted to launch the second HIHI Spark Ignite Innovation Competition. It is the only staff facing, bottom up, innovation competition available to the 115,000+ HSE employees.

It will facilitate HSE staff to validate unmet clinical needs and determine if a market exists for their proposed solution, product, or service to meet that need. The goal of this competition is to help staff in the health service develop solutions to the challenges faced by healthcare providers and patients.

### THE COMPETITION IS OPEN TO ALL DISCIPLINES AND DEPARTMENTS

A continued partnership between the Health Innovation Hub and the National Doctors Training & Planning, with the welcomed addition of the Office of the Nursing and Midwifery Services Director, recognises the value of the healthcare staffs' contribution, experience, and insight in developing solutions to unmet needs within healthcare.

### Who is the competition open to?

HIHI Spark Ignite is open to all disciplines and departments nationally within the HSE. Its mission is to enable HSE staff to bring their ideas for improvements towards reality. A national remit will allow more opportunities for people to test their ideas and vie for funding.

### Spark Ignite competition is coming to your region

This year's HIHI Spark Ignite will be a national event divided into three regional areas with an opportunity to pitch at each of the locations for funding in either Galway, Cork or Dublin.

### How do I apply?

Applications are simple and straight forward submitted via our online portal at **[www.hih.ie](http://www.hih.ie)**. Successful applicants will benefit from a bespoke healthcare focused innovation workshop delivered by experts to hone their idea and proceed to pitch.

## What will the winners receive?

The winners of the competition will be given funding to further develop their ideas and will receive on-going support and mentorship from Health Innovation Hub Ireland.

Winner Individual Prize	€3000
Winner Team Prize	€3000
Three Runner Up Prizes	€1000

## A “Dragons’ Den” Pitch – Making your idea a reality

The pitches will take place as an evening event in the style of “Dragons’ Den” before an experienced panel of judges. This initiative not only provides funding for good ideas but delivers the training and mentorship required to move those ideas towards reality.

## Closing date

Applications will close on:  
**13th March 2020**

Information available on:  
**www.hih.ie**

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**Pictured below, group photo (l-r):** Jane O’Flynn, HIHI; Brownyn Reid-McDermott, Simulation Technician, ICAPSS, UHG; Liam Connolly, Medical Student, NUIG; Professor Derek O’Keeffe, Consultant Physician, UHG; Dr Maria Costello, Geriatrics Physician, UHG; Áine Binchy, ANP Neonatal ICU, UHG; Clare Kinahan, Senior Pharmacist, PUH.

**Other photos:** Receiving their awards from Jared Gormly, Business Manager, NDTP are; Clare Kinahan, Liam Connolly, Áine Binchy and Professor Derek O’Keeffe.

