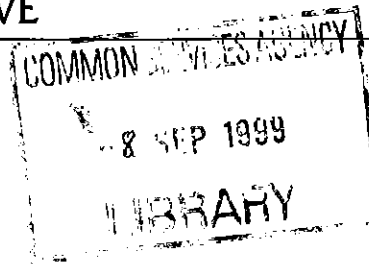




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Dear Colleague

INNOVATION FUND FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES 2000/2001

Background

1. NHS MEL (1998)85 announced the arrangements for the Innovation Fund for Children's Services, which is to assist Health Boards, working in partnerships with GPs, NHS Trusts, local authorities and other agencies, to develop innovative approaches to child centred health services in their Board area. £9 million is being provided over 3 financial years.

2. The annex to this letter announces the arrangements for the Second Round of consideration of applications under this initiative.

Timetable

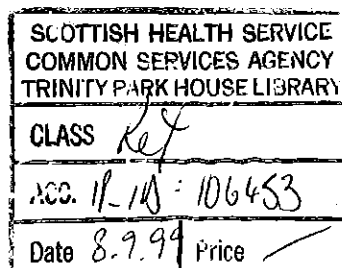
3. Health Boards are invited to co-ordinate and submit formal bids, for funding in 2000/2001 by 10 December 1999. This is to allow decisions to be made before the start of the financial year in which the spend is to take place.

4. A copy of this MEL and the application form are available on web site www.scotland.gov.uk

5. Applications should be submitted through Health Boards, by e-mail where possible (uriel.jamieson@scotland.gov.uk) or to Uriel Jamieson, NHS Management Executive, Room 279, St Andrew's House, Regent Road, Edinburgh, EH1 3DG.

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CRITERIA FOR APPLICATIONS**APPLICATION AND ASSESSMENT CRITERIA**

1. As with last year's Fund the overall aim remains to support innovative approaches to the development of children's health services. These innovative approaches should reflect the major themes of "Designed to Care", the White Paper "Towards a Healthier Scotland" the Acute Services Review, and the Priorities and Planning Guidance. Projects should also have the overarching aim of addressing inequalities in health and health care with an emphasis on inter-agency collaboration. In addition, where the innovation is successfully implemented the function(s) should be able in time to be established as a core activity.

2. This year's Fund will be unable to support National Projects or proposals for Managed Clinical Networks submitted in response to NHS MEL (1999)53 'Managed Clinical Networks: Demonstration Projects.'

2. Financial support from the Fund will be limited to 2 years and successful applicants will need to demonstrate a commitment at senior level to continue funding of the proposed initiative beyond year 2 subject to successful evaluation.

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

2. Bids will be assessed this year on evidence

- that the project is innovative locally
- of a link between the project and the published, locally agreed, child health strategy which is consistent with the HIP, TIP and Joint Children's Services Plan.
- which demonstrates that the service proposed will deliver better outcomes for children
- of multi-agency/multi-disciplinary working
- of a commitment to fund the project at the end of the support period
- of how it is planned to monitor the development and progress of the project

MONITORING AND EVALUATION

3. As before emphasis will be placed on monitoring and evaluation of the project.

- Each project should have a built-in evaluation process.

- Health Boards should monitor the development and progress of the project including services provision and financial details.
 - Health Boards should submit a yearly progress report to the NHSME.
 - Health Boards should submit an end of funding report with recommendations for the future.
4. Health Boards are asked to sift initial applications and prioritise them, with comments, before submitting them to the NHSME. Health Boards are also asked to provide details, with a short rationale, of those applications they have themselves decided should not be submitted for consideration.

INNOVATION FUND FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Project Proposal Outline

(3 pages maximum, including this page)

1. Title

2. Total Costs

3. Health Board	
Name	
Address	
General Manager	
Is Commissioner with responsibility for children's services taking the lead?	
Signature	Date

4. Justification for project selection by Health Board?
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5. State the objectives of the project and how they relate to the local child health strategy, and whether multi-disciplinary and multi-agency?

6. What are the outcomes and benefits?

7. Proposed start date?

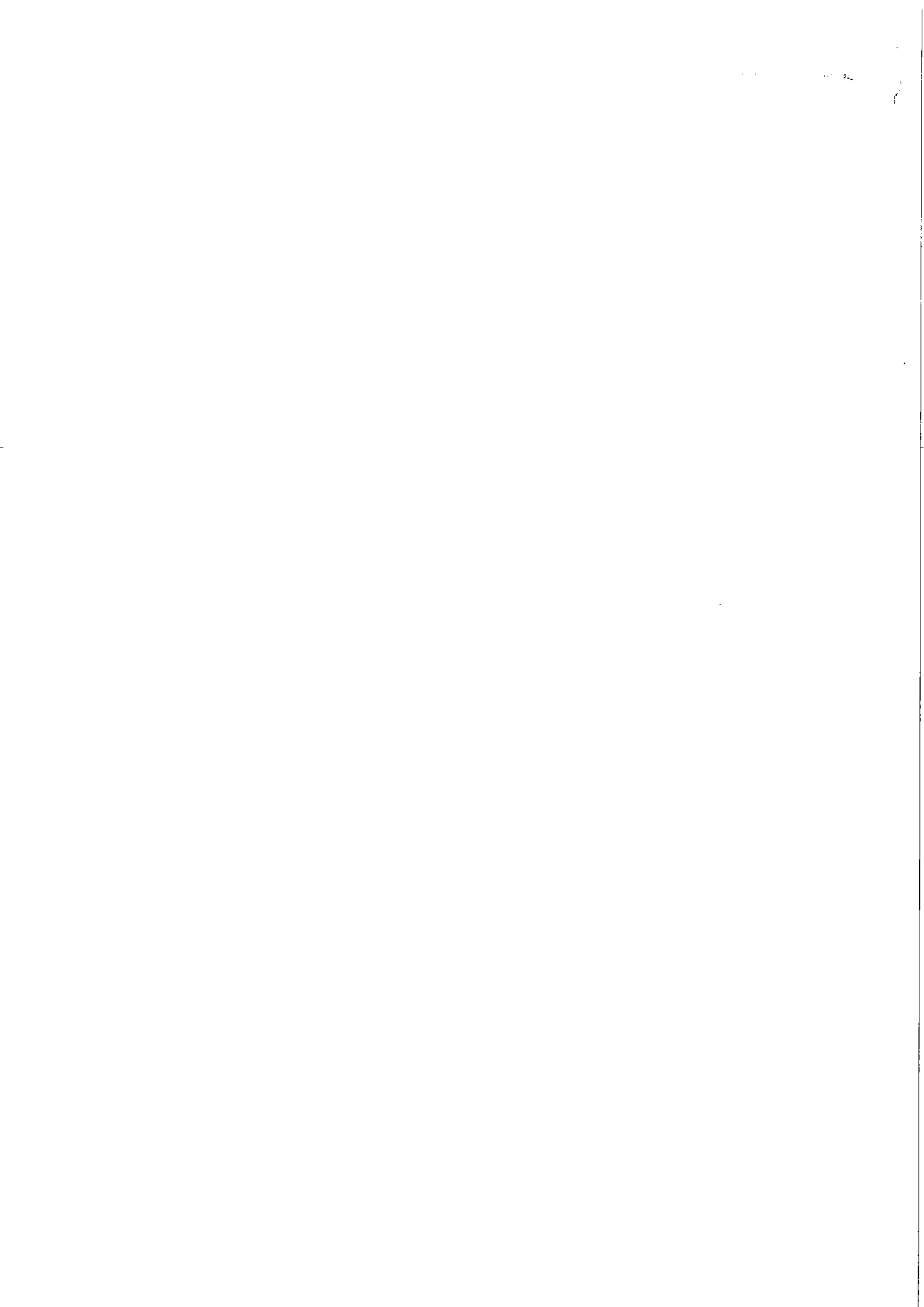
8. Who is to evaluate and what is the methodology to be used?

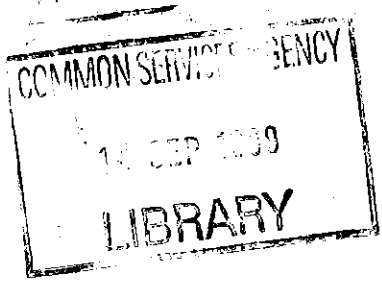
9. How does the project relate to existing arrangements in child health provision?

10. Estimated funding requirements each year up to a maximum of 2 years and state what commitment has been made for roll-out

ANNEX C

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Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh
Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh
Royal College of Physicians & Surgeons, Glasgow
Royal College of Midwives, Scottish Board
Royal College of Nursing, Scottish Board
Scottish Association for Community Health Care
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Signed By: Mandy Smith.....

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