# Spark ✕ seed

## Have you noticed a problem in your clinical area?
## Do you have a solution or want to learn more about healthcare design principals to try and address the solution?

## Then Spark Seed wants to hear from you

## Who?

Spark innovation programme aims is to engage & empower Frontline Staff in innovation and provide funding streams, access to design thinking education and provide mentoring for frontline healthcare innovators. The frontline staff in our health service are best placed to identify key problems and implement meaningful solutions. Spark seed is open to applications from NCHD's, Nursing, Midwifery and HSCP's in the healthcare service in the HSE. Previous applications & successful applicants are very welcome to apply with new or revised innovation projects.

## What?

Spark Seed is about enabling you to sow the seed of innovation and cultivate the solution to grow and provide healthcare innovative improvements. The Spark Seed provides training, micro funding and support to first step innovators to enable you to develop your project. After learning about design and innovation, Spark Seed Innovators (you!) will have the opportunity to pitch for micro-funding (up to €3,000 available per individual or group) and innovation support for their own project.

## Where?

To apply: click here:
**https://forms.gle/npwWubafzrc3WmkH7**
Or scan here:
*If selected you will be given a choice of what workshop to attend – either online or in person*

## When?

Open for applications: **3rd May – 24th of May at 17.00**
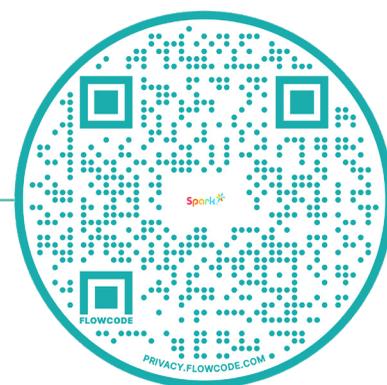Design thinking workshops: **9th June / 14th June**
Pitch nights: **End of June**

## How?
**There are three steps involved in Spark Seed Funding:**

**1. Online application:** The application form asks you to think about problems you have encountered and how you go about solving such problems with a human-centred approach. You do not have to have a fully thought out solution to apply for funding, we hope that through the process and from what you learn at the workshop if selected, that the solution will have evolved from what you might have thought before.

**2. Attend a Design Thinking Workshop**

**3. Opportunity to pitch for support.** (the pitch will likely be on a separate day to the workshop to allow for time to develop your pitch and project)