

# News story: Technology solutions for gestational diabetes: apply for funding

The [Department of Health](#) and [Department for Economy](#) in Northern Ireland are to invest in new technology solutions that improve the health of women with gestational diabetes.

Funding of up to £60,000 per project is available for the development of technologies that can:

- enable diabetic pregnant women to take better control of their health
- increase the effectiveness of interventions
- reduce pressure on health care services, (maternity, neonatal and endocrinology services)
- support an ongoing care programme
- improve the lives, well-being and outcomes for maternal and infant health
- enable women to lead as normal a life as possible
- reduce the need for travel to specialist clinics

This is a [Small Business Research Initiative](#) (SBRI) competition. It's part of the GEMS project – 'gestational, type 1 and type 2 diabetes empowering mothers through mobile technologies'.

- this competition is open now
- the application deadline is 3pm on 25 August 2017
- SBRI is open to any type of organisation
- successful projects will attract 100% funded development contracts
- phase 1 contracts are worth up to £60,000 and last up to 6 months
- if phase 1 testing is successful, organisations may be able to bid for phase 2 to develop and test their prototypes