

[News story: Digital technology for healthcare: apply for funding](#)

Up to £8 million is on offer for UK businesses to work on innovation projects that tackle the biggest healthcare challenges.

To support a growing, ageing population, Innovate UK is making up to £8 million available to UK businesses to develop new and novel digital healthcare solutions.

This competition is being run under the digital health technology catalyst, which is part of the Industrial Strategy Challenge Fund. The aim is to support the development of digital health products that meet NHS needs. It is a new £35 million funding programme over 4 years.

Impacting delivery and patient outcomes

Digital health promises to have a profound impact on the approach, delivery and administration of healthcare, for the benefit of patients.

We are seeking feasibility or development projects that advance digital health or digitally-enabled medical technologies. These should:

- improve patient outcomes, such as through better clinical decision-making and supporting them to manage their own care
- offer new approaches to healthcare that transform its delivery
- reduce the demand on the health system, make it more efficient and create savings

Competition information

- the competition opens on 31 July 2017, and the deadline for registrations is 4 October 2017
 - feasibility studies can range from £50,000 to £75,000 and last up to one year
 - industrial research and experimental development projects can range from 500,000 to £1 million and last up to 3 years
 - you can work alone or in collaboration with other organisations, but projects must be led by a UK-based SME
 - you could get up to 70% of your eligible project costs
 - projects must start by 1 February 2018
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[News story: Geovation funds new business ideas](#)

Start-up companies and entrepreneurs with pioneering ideas are invited to apply for grant funding of up to £20,000, by Thursday 17 August 2017.

On 19 July 2017, we announced a new strategic partnership with Ordnance Survey. Through the [Geovation Programme](#) we encourage and support property technology (PropTech) companies who will revolutionise the property industry with new products and services.

Start-up companies and entrepreneurs with pioneering ideas are invited to apply for grant funding of up to £20,000, by Thursday 17 August 2017. We expect business ideas that use our land and property or geospatial datasets will benefit the conveyancing process, making it simple, faster and cheaper for everyone.

Who can apply

Geovation is open to any technology company creating property or location-based products or services. There are two routes to apply for funding:

- PropTech Programme, run in partnership with Ordnance Survey, supports innovative technology businesses who use location or property data to revolutionise the property industry
- GeoTech Programme, run by Ordnance Survey and open to any technology company creating location based products and services

Find out more about the [Geovation Hub](#) in London where the Geovation programme is located.

Apply

[News story: CT safety video viewed more than one million times](#)

The four-minute film, which was created by Counter Terrorism police alongside the Foreign Office and ABTA – The Travel Association, was launched to the public on Monday 10 July and has since been viewed more than a million times on YouTube, Facebook and Twitter.

The chances of being involved in a terror attack are very small, but

holidaymakers travelling abroad this summer have flocked to watch this video so they are prepared to act should the worst happen.

As UK schools break up for summer holidays and the travel industry enters one of the busiest periods of the year, police are once again asking the public to keep themselves safe abroad by watching the film before they travel.

Detective chief superintendent Scott Wilson, National Coordinator for Protect and Prepare, says: "I am delighted that the public have received this advice so well and that so many people have taken the time to prepare themselves in the incredibly unlikely event of being caught up in an attack.

One million views means that there are potentially one million more people in the UK who are better prepared to act.

This video is not intended to scare people, simply to make them spend a few minutes thinking about what they would do if the worst should happen.

We want people to think of this in the same way they do the safety film airlines show before take-off. They don't expect anything bad to happen but it is a sensible safety precaution to show people what to do.

[Run Hide Tell: Stay Safe in the event of a terrorist attack abroad](#)

[Press release: Foreign Secretary statement on Venezuela](#)

I am deeply saddened that nearly 100 people have died in protests in Venezuela since the end of March. The citizens of Venezuela deserve better and urgent action should be taken to stop matters from getting worse.

Britain calls on the Venezuelan Government to refrain from divisive and inflammatory action, including the plan to form a Constituent Assembly later this month. This will only further undermine confidence in the country's democracy. Human rights, the rule of law, the separation of powers and the integrity of democratic institutions must be respected.

Britain joins with the Vatican, the neighbours of Venezuela and our European friends to urge the Government to enter constructive talks with the Opposition. I call on President Nicolas Maduro to change course and break the deadlock for the benefit of all Venezuelans.

[News story: Portsmouth hosts US carrier strike group ahead of multinational exercise](#)

The USS George HW Bush and elements of her carrier strike group – the USS Philippine Sea, USS Donald Cook and Norwegian ship HNoMS Helge Ingsstad are on the final leg of their deployment in support of Operation Inherent Resolve, the Global Coalition's fight against ISIS.

The Nimitz-class carrier has UK personnel on board as part of the UK-US Long Lead Specialist Skills Programme which qualifies them in US carrier operations in preparation for the arrival of HMS Queen Elizabeth and the UK's own carrier strike capability.

Also embarked is Commander UK Carrier Strike Group (COMUKCSG) Commodore Andrew Betton and his team for Exercise Saxon Warrior 17 – a joint maritime exercise that will focus how the two nations work together during a number of challenging scenarios around the UK coastline.

Commodore Betton said:

Exercise Saxon Warrior is a large, multinational joint exercise which involves fifteen warships from five different nations, submarines, over 100 aircraft and about 9,000 personnel

The UK contribution will be two Type 23 frigates supporting the US aircraft carrier, a Royal Navy submarine, the Carrier Strike Group UK battle staff, fixed wing and rotary wing aircraft operating from ashore, and then the central training staff who will be based in Faslane in Scotland.

The exercise, which begins once the group leaves Portsmouth, will also be key to ensuring UK personnel are fully equipped ahead of the arrival of the Royal Navy's new Queen Elizabeth-class aircraft carrier, HMS Queen Elizabeth.

Over the next fortnight U.S. Naval personnel will train side-by-side with UK pilots, engineers and deck handlers to build combined maritime and aviation capability and capacity.

Royal Marines Colonel Phil Kelly, the COMUKCSG Strike Commander, said:

This exercise is a great demonstration of the UK's relationship with the United States who are helping us in getting back our carrier strike capability and making a success of the Queen

Elizabeth aircraft carrier programme.

The Type 23 frigates taking part in Ex Saxon Warrior will be Portsmouth-based HMS Iron Duke and HMS Westminster who will be joined by Royal Fleet Auxiliary fast fleet tanker Wave Ruler.