

Request for Proposal: Developing occupational therapy contribution to COVID-19 management
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1. Introduction and Purpose

COVID-19 disease has brought about unparalleled pressures on health and care services across the UK. This has included pausing many mainstream rehabilitation services to accommodate the response to COVID19 and many services are having to respond in ways for which they may not feel equipped and practitioners may feel less familiar with or prepared for. The Trust recognises that a range of initiatives may be needed as occupational therapists work to prepare their service for readiness to meet future demand once the acute phase of the epidemic subsides and services recover, this includes assessing the impact on paused services and re-establishing service delivery in the new environment. The Elizabeth Casson Trust would like to support the profession with this work and is making available a number of grants for this purpose across all areas of practice in the health and social care; grants will be awarded across two rounds (dates below).

2. What's Available

The Elizabeth Casson Trust is offering **up to £10,000 per project** for initiatives such as*:

- support to up-skill practitioners redeployed to rehabilitation or crisis management settings in health or social care settings where they have limited expertise
- gathering resources/ information to support practitioners across all settings
- audit/ quality improvement activities to support the efficacy of interventions
- the development of rehabilitation pathways that assist people return as quickly as possible to their preferred level of activities
- the development of integrated work arrangements to make full use of resources across health and social care including step-down / step-up and community initiatives
- specific OT interventions for people with underlying health conditions to aid their recovery
- rehabilitation within mental health/ learning disability services
- evaluation of the impact of telemedicine and online conference services to facilitate assessment and communication

** examples are illustrative only and all initiatives addressing our purpose (section 1 above) will be considered*

The Trust is keen to support a number of initiatives so value for money as well as quality of application is an important consideration.

3. Proposals

We would like to run an expedient and streamlined application process so please adopt the following headings for your proposal:

- i. Project name
- ii. Name of lead organisation, individual and contact details
- iii. Project aim/ intent: state the aim/ intent of your project and situate this in the wider context of your service/ locality/ professional need/ other (as appropriate). Be clear as to the benefit and potential impact of your project.
- iv. Method: **clearly** state the activities/ stages required to deliver your project (bullets acceptable)
- v. Utility: state how the 'product' of the project will be used/ shared/ implemented
- vi. Evaluation: indicate how you will evaluate the effectiveness and impact of your offering

- vii. Dissemination plans: summarise how any learning from the project can be made available to the wider occupational therapy community
- viii. Timescales: provide a milestone GANTT chart against the activities/ stages noted above (iv)
- ix. Budget: state the amount you are requesting and provide a breakdown of costs (staff costs can be included)
- x. Capacity: provide a confirmation from your line manager/ institution that the project timeframes can be met (email confirmation is acceptable)
- xi. Capability: provide a CV for the project lead and/ or key individuals that shows experience of similar work and/ or demonstrates the skills required to undertake the project

4. Submission

Please submit your proposal (3-4 pages of A4 using the headings in the section 3, above, to structure your document) no later than **28 May 2020 for Round 1** applications and **9 July 2020 for Round 2** applications to Pam Anderson at secretary@elizabethcasson.org.uk. If you have enquiries, please email Pam.

5. Award

Round 1 applicants will be notified by 11 June 2020 and Round 2 applicants by 23 July 2020 with funds immediately available.