



Youth Research Partnerships

Involving children and young people in research

ARC KSS invitation to apply 2023

The Applied Research Collaboration Kent, Surrey, and Sussex (ARC KSS) is delighted to invite applications from member organisations to provide **support for young people to become engaged in, involved in, and co-produce/design health and care research.**

Successful applications are expected to start no later than 1st July 2023 to provide 15-months of support to:

- Facilitate and enable young people (up to the age of 25) living in KSS to be engaged with, involved in, and to design health and care research of relevance to children and young people's mental health. In particular, activity should be aligned to one or more of the [ARC KSS research themes and their objectives](#).
- Provide a forum for young people to identify research priorities and questions that are relevant to them.
- Provide an interface for researchers to engage and involve young people about their health and care research.
- Include and involve young people in the building, delivery, and foundation of health and care services through research.
- Provide the necessary support and training to enable young people to be fully involved in research.

Providers will be expected to include/demonstrate:

- They have relevant policies in place to fully support young people's contributions, following [ARC KSS public and community involvement and engagement principles](#).
- That the service is embedded in the local context relevant to health and care services research.
- Plans for sustainability of the service beyond the initial funding period.
- Plans to capture how involving and engaging with young people has benefitted both the young people, developing their skills and the research they are involved in.

We welcome applications from relevant sectors, including higher education institutes, health and care organisations, local authorities and voluntary and community sector enterprises. We also welcome applications that extend the remit of existing young people's involvement groups or extend existing young people's groups to include the remit of research. Successful applicants will be expected to share learning and knowledge across the KSS region facilitated by ARC KSS at online sharing events.

Up to 3 partnerships will be provided with a maximum of £75,000 each over 15 months. At least one partnership will be funded in Kent and one in Surrey due to the low levels of existing youth research engagement in these areas. Applicants are expected to provide a minimum of 25% of the total ARC KSS funding as co-funding in kind or cash.

Any organisation or group intending to submit an application must **notify us of their intention to submit by emailing ARCKentSurreySussex@spft.nhs.uk by Friday 3rd March 2023**

To apply:

- Read the accompanying [guidance notes](#) carefully.
- Read the [ARC KSS funding approach](#) and [research theme objectives](#).
- [Complete the application form](#) and send to: ARCKentSurreySussex@spft.nhs.uk
- The deadline for submissions is **5pm, Friday 14th April 2023**.

If you have any questions about the call, please email ARCKentSurreySussex@spft.nhs.uk.

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