

## ARC KSS Co-Funding Guidance

### Co-Funding

Co-funding commitments for the ARC KSS can be financial or in kind to fund applied health and care research and / or implementation/impact activity within their communities and/or beyond.

Co-funding demonstrates that health and care organisations, universities, third sector and industry are committed to getting the most useful research applied in frontline settings. In addition, it is important that they see a return on their investment too.

### Examples of co-funding

- ✓ **Cash co-funding:** real cash from a range of sources that can be added directly to an individual or mix of research theme budgets or for implementation/impact activity.
- ✓ **'Co-funding' in kind: People time:** member organisations can provide 'people time' on theme activity/ further grant preparation/project negotiation and priority setting for example. This might include meetings and activity undertaken for protocol development, grant submission, ARC research activity (recruitment/ clinic time), implementation of evidence on the ground. People time match can include those whose substantive posts are in the NHS / university/ industry/ charity / PhDs.
- ✓ **'Co-funding' in kind:** NHS desk space/meeting space. The NHS may also count desk space as match in kind. Universities may not count infrastructure as match.
- ✓ **Fee waivers** from universities eg PhD fees or other types of studentships
- ✓ **Research project costs not funded by the ARC NIHR grant:** for examples NHS Excess treatment costs/ research support costs for NHS organisations. This will need to be identified and negotiated between participating research organisations (for example excess treatment costs may be either match from ICBs or provider organisations)
- ✓ **Industry** providing free kit and services, or reduced/free of charge cost services within research and evaluation activity.