Assessment criteria

1. Scientific Quality

a. Scientific Rigor, Innovations and Improvements

- Clarity and relevance of research questions, presentation of the project plan
- Originality and contribution to the field
- Theoretical foundation and advancement of knowledge and practice

b. Research Environment, Project Design and Feasibility

- Expertise and quality of the PI and research team
- Appropriateness of methodology and study design, support from pilot data where relevant
- Realism of timeline, budget, and use of resources
- Risk assessment and mitigation strategies where appropriate

2. Impact and Implementation Potential

a. Clinical and Societal Relevance

- Potential to improve patient outcomes and/or specialist healthcare services
- Alignment with health priorities and needs, filling knowledge gaps
- Relevance to patient groups, users and stakeholders

b. Implementation Readiness

- Plans for dissemination, knowledge translation and user involvement
- Plans for application of results, implementation into clinical practice