**Project Support Grants Reviewer’s Guidance and Scoring Criteria**

**Background to the Glasgow Children’s Hospital Charity Research Fund – Project Support Grants**

Applications are invited for Project Support Grants from investigatorsconducting research that will advance knowledge and application in the broad field of children’s and maternal health. The scheme aims to embed the concept of children’s and maternal health in researchers from a broad skills base. Proposals can complement existing research or can be made in their own right. Applications that integrate a range of disciplines are especially welcomed.

Please note:

* Detailed costing breakdowns are requested and the successful application will be provided with the amount justified up to a maximum of £40,000.
* The scheme is open to clinicians, scientists, nurses, allied health professionals and anyone else involved in academic research and/or health care of children or pregnant women.

This round of peer review seeks to assess and score all the applications received. A minimum of three referees will be allocated to each application.

**Assessment criteria**

Completed assessment forms should be returned to the GCHC Research Fund Co-ordinator (jillian.bryce@glasgow.ac.uk)

In your assessment of the application, please consider the following:

1. Distinctive contribution to, and likely impact on children’s and maternal health.

2. The quality of the science and the standing of the research group in the proposed area of research.

3. The quality of the research environment and the likelihood of using this funding as a springboard towards further funding applications.

4. Added value achieved through specific partnerships, e.g. across disciplines and departments, between academic institutions, with industry, the NHS or other private and public sector organisations.

5. The quality of the applying investigators (refer below)

In addition, referees are asked to identify any ethical issues that need further attention.

**Scoring the application**

Please ensure that you provide a score (1-10) for each aspect based on the criteria overleaf.

**Deadline for your assessments**

Please complete and return the assessment form no later than the date specified in the email to you. If you are unable to help, please provide the name of an alternative referee(s). If you cannot provide your comments by the due date, please notify us as soon as possible.

**Feedback**

Any feedback on the system will be gratefully appreciated. Your anonymised comments may be fed back to the applicant upon request.

**Confidentiality**

Any applications sent to you are sent in confidence and you should destroy any files or printouts after use.

**Scoring Criteria**

**Personal Qualities of the Applicant** (including motivation, evidence of the importance of research to career (1-poor quality, 10 highest quality))

Are the PIs, collaborators, and other researchers well suited to the project? If Early Stage Investigators or New Investigators, or in the early stages of independent careers, do they have appropriate experience and training? If established, have they demonstrated an ongoing record of accomplishments that have advanced their field(s)? If the project is collaborative, do the investigators have complementary and integrated expertise; are their leadership approach, governance and organizational structure appropriate for the project?

****Overall Impact.****(1-no impact, 10 highest impact)Reviewers will provide an overall impact/priority score to reflect their assessment of the likelihood for the project to exert a sustained, powerful influence on the research field(s) involved, in consideration of the following review criteria and additional review criteria (as applicable for the project proposed).

**Importance and relevance to health care** (1-no importance/relevance, 10-most important/relevant)

Please comment on the originality, relevance to health care and implementability of the proposed research to benefit child health.

**Methodology** (appropriateness, rigour, and feasibility of the methods (1-inapproriate, 10-highly appropriate))

Are the overall strategy, methodology, and analyses well-reasoned and appropriate to accomplish the specific aims of the project? Are potential problems, alternative strategies, and benchmarks for success presented? If the project is in the early stages of development, will the strategy establish feasibility and will particularly risky aspects be managed? Likelihood of achieving stated goals.

**Environment** (1-unsuitable, 10-highly suitable)

Will the scientific environment in which the work will be done contribute to the probability of success? Are the institutional support, equipment and other physical resources available to the investigators adequate for the project proposed? Will the project benefit from unique features of the scientific environment, subject populations, or collaborative arrangements?

**Reviewer’s Assessment Sheet**

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| Reviewer  Reference Number |  |
| Application Reference Number |  |
| Lead Applicant Name |  |
| **Personal Qualities of the Applicant** | Score 1- 10 |
| Comments |  |
| ****Overall Impact**** | Score 1-10 |
| **Comments** |  |
| **Importance and relevance to health care** | Score 1-10 |
| Comments |  |
| **Methodology** | Score 1-10 |
| Comments |  |
| **Environment** | Score 1-10 |
| Comments |  |
| Overall Comments |  |