



**Spark Curiosity:** This suite of initiatives is designed to start the conversation with regard to innovation and systemic openness to change, cultivating a culture where doctors are encouraged to explore new technologies, processes and practices. Eg: The Spark Summit and the DPER/NDTP “Pop Up” Innovation Hub



**Spark Seed Funding:** This provides micro-funding of up to €3,000 to those who successfully pitch their ideas for process improvements, platforms or device design. Participants are mentored and given transferrable skills via workshops and by the National Innovation Fellow.



**Spark Ignite:** This calls for medical device ideas that have potential for scalability. It is open to all staff in hospital and community health organisations. Project owners are invited to participate in a mini-accelerator program to further develop their idea over 6 weeks, with the winner receiving a bursary to develop their idea.



**Spark Generation:** The aim of this initiative is to address some of the shortfall in skills and knowledge evident in our health service, with a focus on NCHDs. We are developing a Health Informatics and Innovation diploma for NCHDs and also a Health Informatics Fellowship in Radiology.



**Spark Connects:** Develops the Innovation in Healthcare network by providing links and brokering relationships between like-minded individuals. By developing links with industry, academia and other stakeholders in healthcare, clinicians will have a network of resources to develop their own innovation projects.



**Bright Spark:** Annually, all initiatives and projects within the SPARK umbrella are invited to compete for a Bright Spark award. Winning projects are celebrated and published. The individuals and organisations involved receive national recognition for their efforts.