

# BMA MEDFASH prize for improving the quality of HIV and/or sexual healthcare

MEDFASH was an independent charity dedicated to improving the quality of HIV and sexual healthcare that ran from 1987 to 2016. The vision of MEDFASH was for everyone who needs it to be able to receive high quality, evidence-based HIV and sexual healthcare, including preventive interventions.

To continue the legacy of MEDFASH, the BMA Foundation will award a prize named after MEDFASH to an initiative exemplifying MEDFASH's mission and values, which have been embedded in the assessment criteria. 2026, the tenth anniversary of MEDFASH's closure, will be the final year of the prize.

## Applicant criteria

- Open to any health or social care organisation actively involved in the delivery of HIV and/or sexual healthcare in the UK.
- Organisations may be nominated or self-nominated and should be currently working in HIV and/or sexual healthcare in the UK. Work submitted must be a project or initiative undertaken in the five years preceding the point of application.

## Applicants must submit the following documentation in PDF format:

- Duly completed application form.
- A letter of support (max 1,000 words) from an individual or organisation not employed by the applicant.
- One project output, preferably one which has been available outside the organisation, as a supporting document.

## Assessment criteria

- Please refer to [bmafoundationmr.org.uk](https://bmafoundationmr.org.uk) for details of the assessment criteria linked to achievement of the MEDFASH vision.

---

## BMA Foundation



[www.bmafoundationmr.org.uk](https://www.bmafoundationmr.org.uk)

## **BMA MEDFASH prize application form**

**To apply for the BMA MEDFASH prize, please complete the application form below.**

**1. Objectives (max 400 words)**

What are the objectives of the project/initiative?

**2. Description (max 400 words)**

Please describe the initiative and how it aligns with the MEDFASH vision and one or more of the domains set out in the assessment criteria.

**3. Involvement of health and other related professionals and bodies in shaping and delivering this initiative (max 400 words)**

Please describe how health professionals, other relevant experts and/or other organisations have been involved in developing this initiative, including examples of partnership working (e.g. academic/clinical, clinical/voluntary sector, cross-discipline, multi-sector partnerships).

**4. Involvement/engagement of people from affected communities in shaping and delivering this initiative (max 400 words)**

Please detail any involvement of people from affected communities, including patients, in shaping and delivering this initiative.

## 5. Evidence of Impact (max 400 words)

Please provide three outcome measures demonstrating the impact of the initiative with brief details of the evaluation methodology.



## Letter of support (max 1,000 words)

This should be from an individual or organisation not employed by the applicant and in a suitable position to appraise the initiative. The letter of support should be written in consideration of the prize assessment criteria.

## Supporting document

Please provide one output produced by or about the initiative, preferably one which has been available outside the organisation.