

Dr Natalie Cole, Head of Innovation - Tallaght University Hospital



Natalie is responsible for leading the establishment of an Innovation Centre in one of the largest academic teaching hospitals in Ireland. She joined TUH in July 2021 and has already played a pivotal role in developing an extensive pipeline of innovation projects. Dr. Cole has over 20 years national & international experience in Health Research & Innovation. She initially pursued a career in academic research and was Assistant Professor of Neurogenetics at Northwestern Memorial Hospital, Chicago. On returning to Ireland she supported the development of the spin-out company Neuropath at Trinity College Dublin.

She has extensive change and project management experience and was Change and Benefits lead for the Office of the CEO of the HSE and delivered large complex healthcare projects. She has a passion for the translation of innovative projects for the benefit of patients and service users.

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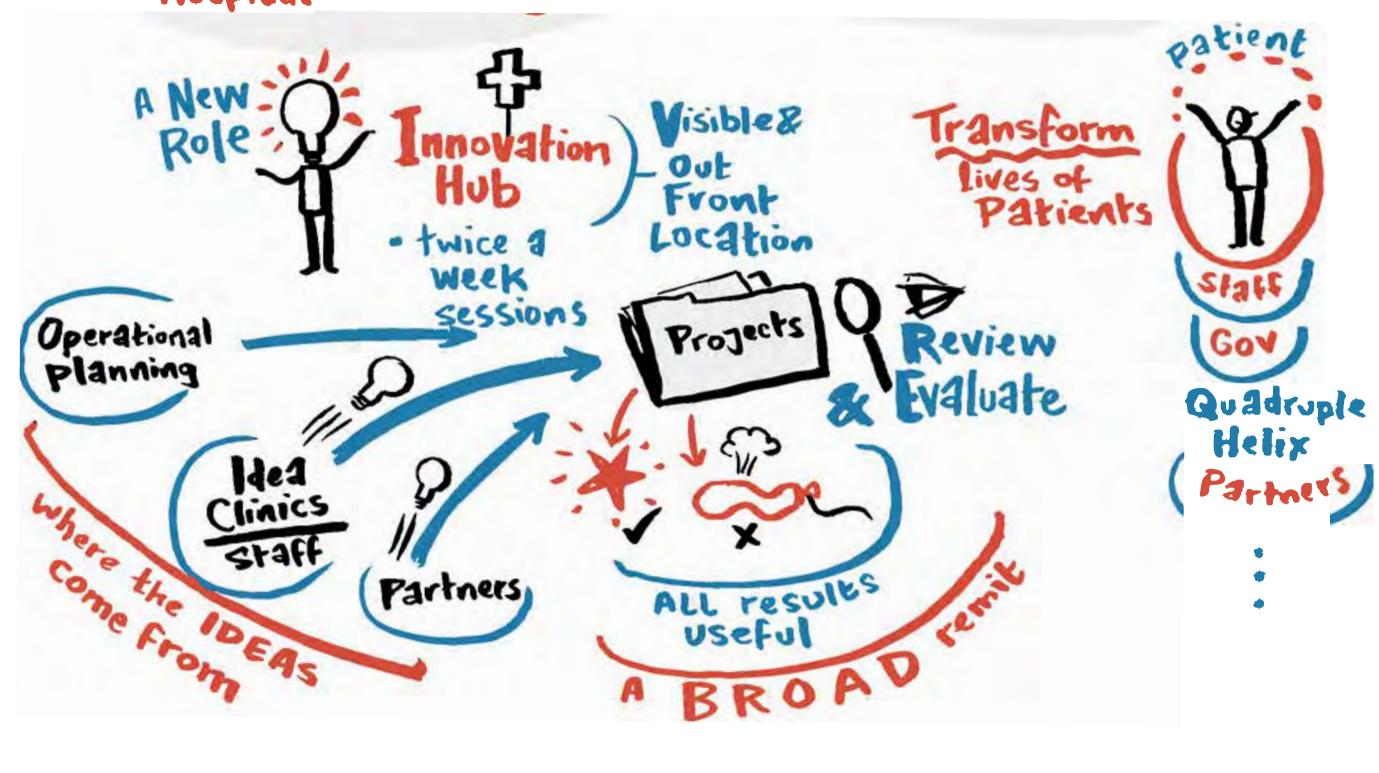


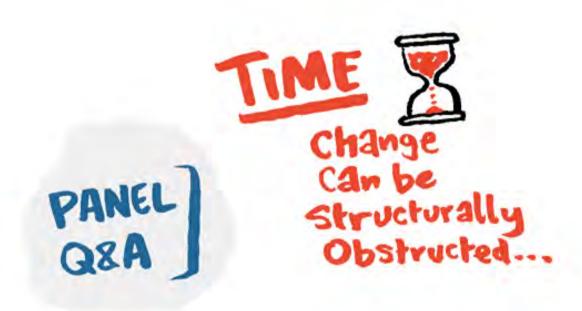


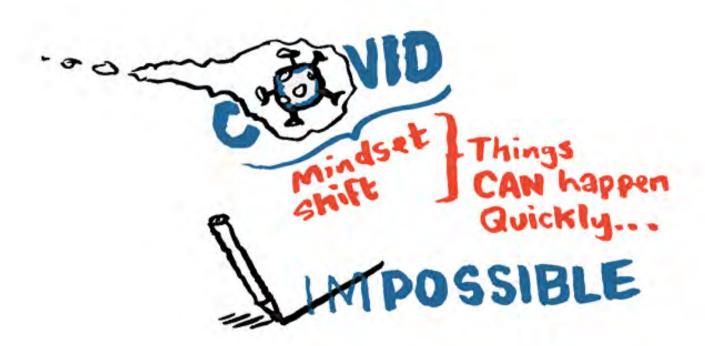
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Innovation in an Acute Hospital - the establishment of a one Stop Shop













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-establishment of a one-stop-shop

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Innovation Hub at TUH



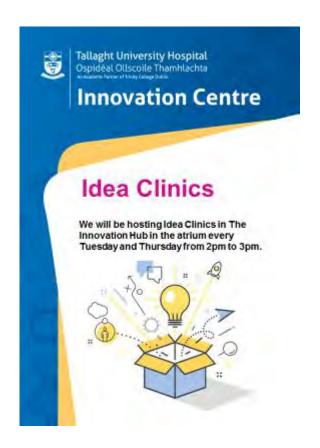
Mission

TUH Innovation mission is to become a recognised leader in accelerating innovation that transforms the health and wellbeing of our patients.



Objective 1:

Enrich and deliver an effective innovation pipeline that is prioritised to meet the needs of the patients and service users of Tallaght University Hospital





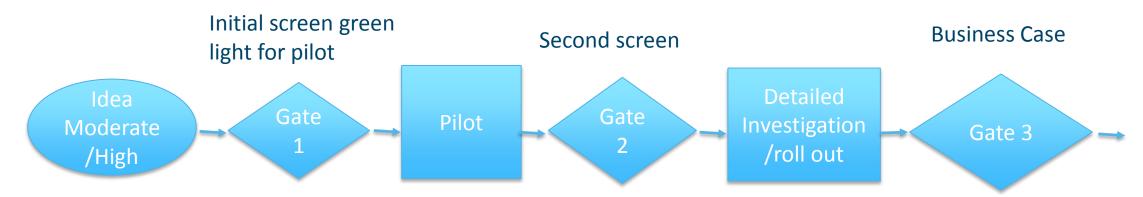
Objective 2

Continue to evolve our internal operating model and invest to enhance our infrastructure and capacity



Stage gating Process

- Each Stage focuses on a specific dimension of the project. Earlier stages tend to require general information about the project (e.g., uncover opportunities and generate new ideas, whereas more advanced stages require more detailed information to make an evaluation)
- The Stage process is incremental in terms of commitment and effort. Each stage
 usually costs more than the preceding as more financial resources and human capital
 might be required for the project to move from one stage to another.



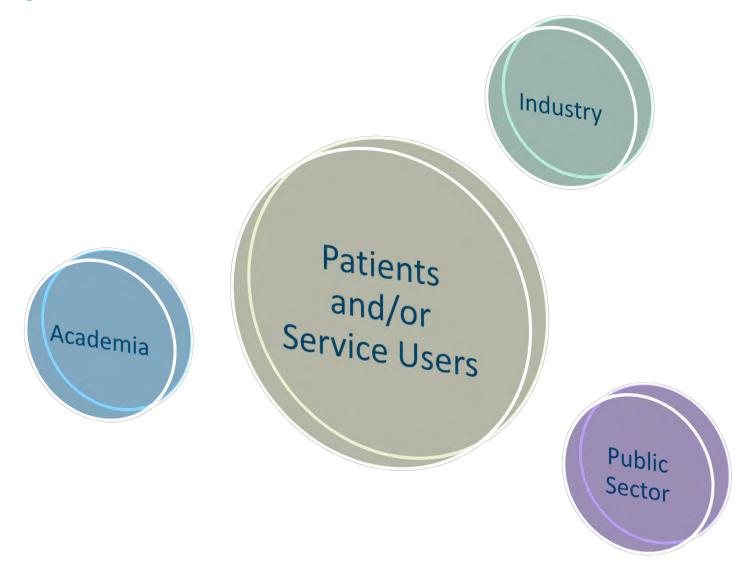
Multiple stage gates depending on scale of project, testing and validation until Implementation Stage and then post-implementation review

Objective 3

 Consolidate the relationship between TUH and partners and evolve our method to deliver maximum benefits

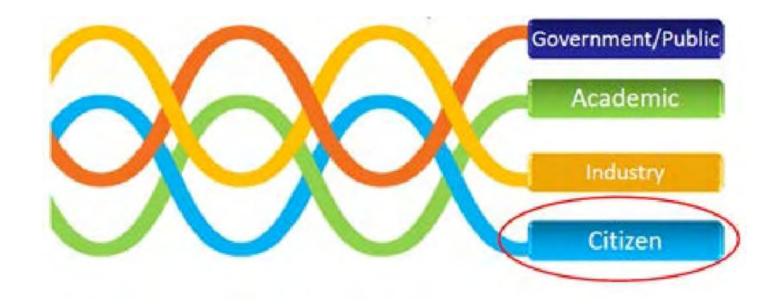


Challenges





Quadruple Helix Innovation Model





Solution





Innovation Projects





























HEALTHCARE



Innovation Projects

- Process Innovation
- Test bed- test innovations with pathway redesign in real world settings
- Rapid Uptake Products Programme
- Early stage product co-design



Offering

- o Idea development
- Support the translation of innovation projects to real world setting
- Signposting and Matchmaking
- Management of a Pipeline of Projects
 - governance, stage gating and evaluation

