



KitNewCare

Sustainable Care, Lasting Impact

Call for Applications: Become a KitNewCare Associate Pilot Site

KitNewCare is a pioneering EU co-funded project dedicated to making kidney healthcare more environmentally sustainable. The project is a significant public-private multi-partnership from across the sector, including academia and industry, dialysis and other technology providers.

We are now seeking EU and UK kidney centres to join the project as Associate Pilot Sites. If your centre is committed to improving sustainability, efficiency, and innovation in kidney care, we invite you to apply.

Applications are now open.

Please email aycan.yasar@sustainablehealthcare.org.uk and harriet.attwell@sustainablehealthcare.org.uk with the name and location of your institution, which piloting activities you are interested in and a short summary of your departments experience and interest in sustainable kidney care.

What Are KitNewCare Associate Pilot Sites?

Associate Pilot Sites are kidney centres that formally participate in testing and refining sustainability-focused solutions developed within the KitNewCare project.

You can apply to test either one or both of the following:

- Organisational and workflow optimisations
- A newly developed kidney centre benchmarking tool



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As an Associate Pilot Site, your centre will benefit from:

- Early access to tools, methods, and training designed to improve sustainability
 - Opportunities to help shape the final benchmarking tool and other solutions
 - Implementation support and e-learning resources
 - Connection with other sites and KitNewCare partners for networking and knowledge sharing
 - Recognition and visibility as a centre leading sustainable kidney care
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What's Involved?

Centres may take part in **one or both** of the following activities:

1. Implementing KitNewCare Optimisations

- Select two or more workflow/organisational optimisations for replication.
- Plan and implement these changes with guidance from the KitNewCare team.
- Collect and share relevant data (with full data-protection compliance).
- Document your experience as a case study.
- Complete short questionnaires and optionally take part in a focus group to share your centre's experience of the implementation process.

And/or

2. Piloting the KitNewCare Benchmarking Tool

- Test the benchmarking tool by responding to the tool's data input questions on health outcomes, social impacts, environmental impacts and costs.
- Provide structured feedback on the benchmarking tool via a feedback survey, interviews, and a workshop.

Ethics & Publications

- Centres must participate in obtaining local ethics approval (or waiver) and subsequent approval through Trinity College Dublin (typically 1–2 months).
 - All outputs will be jointly published with KitNewCare and must be open access.
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Who Can Apply?

Kidney centres across the EU and UK.

To ensure a diverse network, selection will consider:

- **Geographical spread**
 - **A range of experience levels** in sustainable kidney care (from limited to advanced)
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Timeline of Activities

1. Implementing KitNewCare Optimisations

Associate Pilot Sites will be supported throughout the implementation and evaluation process.

April – June 2026

Onboarding meeting and provision of supporting materials.

Development of study designs and agreement of data collection plans.

June – August 2026

Submission of local and Trinity College Dublin ethics applications.

September 2026

Implementation of selected changes begins.

September 2026 – May 2027

Ongoing implementation, data collection, and engagement in evaluation activities, with continued support and knowledge-sharing across the KitNewCare network.

June 2027

Sharing your centre's implementation experience through a case study.

2. Piloting the KitNewCare Benchmarking Tool

Associate Pilot Sites will be supported throughout the ethics process and the piloting and evaluation activities.

April – June 2026

Onboarding meeting and provision of supporting materials for the submission of local ethics applications.



June – July 2026

Submission of Trinity College Dublin ethics application.

September - October 2026

Piloting the KitNewCare Benchmarking Tool via answering data input questions.

October – November 2026

Evaluation of the KitNewCare Benchmarking Tool via an anonymous feed-back survey (half an hour), a semi-structured interview (1.5 hours) and a workshop to agree on updates (2 hours).



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