

# Spotlight

Helping SMEs to commercialise their photonics enabled products for healthcare

**The Centre for Process Innovation (CPI) and Durham University have launched a joint programme, running until September 2020, to support small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) to apply photonics and emerging technologies for healthcare markets.**

## The Spotlight Programme

Spotlight can assist local companies with both technical and commercial development of their healthcare related product or service utilising CPI's state of the art facilities and Durham University's world renowned research and development capabilities. The Spotlight project, part-funded by the European Regional Development Fund, pays for CPI and/or Durham University staff to carry out work on behalf of client companies. The nature of the work will be tailored to suit the individual needs of each client.

Companies with growth ambitions in healthcare photonics may need support with early stage proof of concept research and scale-up of technologies or with testing, manufacturing, healthcare economics or regulatory systems advice for example. Through Spotlight, your company can get access to experienced senior staff at Durham University and CPI, with strong track records in research, innovation and the commercialisation of new products and access to the specialist facilities needed to carry out the project work. One of the facilities available for use in the project is the new National Centre for Healthcare Photonics, hosted by CPI at NETPark, which provides specialist product development and manufacturing facilities for photonics enabled medical devices and systems, including dedicated and integrated laboratories for optics, life sciences and prototyping.



## Spotlight will offer:

- Proof of concept research with Durham University academics
- Design or re-design activity to take prototype photonic healthcare devices or instruments closer to commercialisation
- Pre-CE mark testing of devices
- In vitro validation of prototype optical devices or systems
- Integration of photonic components into flexible and hybrid electronic systems for wearable, lightweight, smart, portable devices and the like
- Manufacture of medical devices or components to quantities required for clinical investigations
- Supported pathway for generating clinical evidence
- Health Economic modelling
- Regulatory compliance support
- Business/commercial support for innovation

## How much will it cost my company and who is eligible?

Every SME is entitled to receive a certain quota of the type of assistance provided by the Spotlight project under the General Block Exemptions (GBER) regulations. As at March 2018, this quota is €200,000 over the preceding 3 year period. If the cost of the proposed Spotlight assistance is within your company's GBER allowance then you will not be charged for the assistance you receive and it will simply be deducted from your remaining GBER allowance. Spotlight project staff can guide you with the details and assist you with completing any paperwork required.

The support is targeted at SMEs in less-developed, transitional regions of England, primarily in County Durham. Spotlight aims to encourage inward investment into County Durham, so if you are currently outside of the region, then please speak to us about the benefits of opening a new office or site at NETPark or within the local region.

## To take part in this ERDF funded innovation support programme contact us:

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