



## TESCI workshop request for proposals

### Background

TESCI (Technology nEtworKSocial Care Innovation) is an EPSRC funded network with the main delivery planned from October 2025 to September 2027.

The network recognises technology can enhance the quality of social care services, making a real difference in the lives of individuals, their families, and the workforce providing care.

The network aims to:

- Champion collaboration: TESCO facilitates meaningful partnerships between service users, social care professionals, researchers, and industry leaders, fostering a shared understanding and a collective drive for innovation
- Embrace engineering and physical sciences: TESCO recognises the immense potential of technology to contribute to addressing social care challenges
- Build capacity, provide education, and horizon scanning: TESCO provides opportunities for learning and growth

TESCI has identified three key themes providing a framework for co-creation: i) Data driven tools for the workforce and outcomes for service users. ii) Predictive tools for frailty, wellbeing; loneliness iii) Hardware: e.g. wearables, sensors, robotics, exoskeletons.

TESCI is looking to partner with an organisation, eligible for EPSRC funding, to provide a one- or one-and-a-half-day workshop which is relevant for TESCO, aligned with the partner's local priorities, engaging and innovative. It should aim to engage researchers, industry, service providers, service users and informal carers and provide opportunities for co-creation.

### Timeline

TESCI is looking to plan four workshops across the UK. Each call is only open to organisers based in the specified location.

Location	Call opens	Call closes	Tentative workshop timing
Northern Ireland	9 March 2026	23 March 2026	June 2026
Scotland	1 June 2026	29 June 2026	November 2026
Wales	14 September 2026	5 October 2026	February 2027
England	11 January 2027	1 February 2027	May 2027

## Budget

The maximum budget for organising the workshop is £20,000. Eligible costs include:

- Venue hire
- Catering
- Travel and accommodation expenses for speakers
- Travel and accommodation expenses for service users and informal carers
- Travel and accommodation expenses for ECRs
- Up to 4 days of administrative support
- Technology demonstrations, lab visits, co-creation sessions, other activities

Devices for Dignity and TESCI will be providing facilitation support and TESCI will collect summary notes in the form of drawings and/or film clips, these costs should not be included in the budget mentioned above.

The workshop will be planned by the local team and they are responsible for reimbursing expenses to attendees.

The TESCI team is available to provide feedback and guidance on the workshop planning. TESCI will share the workshop invitation with the network contacts.

## Assessment of proposals

The answers to the questions in the form will be assessed according to the following criteria and scoring matrix. Equal weighting will be used.

### Criteria

1. Relevance of proposed workshop topic for TESCI
2. Articulation of local priorities and pressures in social care and future role of technology
3. Plans for workshop delivery including co-creation opportunities
4. Clear approach for providing learning opportunities and engaging stakeholders (e.g. academics including Early Career Researchers, industry, social care providers, social care users, people with lived experience)
5. Justification of resources

### Scoring matrix

1. Very poor response
2. Poor response
3. Acceptable response
4. Good response
5. Excellent response