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What is Small Business Innovation Research?

SBIR drives innovation in the public sector. SMEs co-design solutions with the Challenge Owner to address significant societal challenges that impact citizens

Key Features of SBIR

- Pre commercial procurement (PCP) - SBIR operates under EU PCP rules – **R&D** support
- Enables public sector **address 'unmet needs' through innovation**
- Positive impact for the citizen

What is unique about SBIR?

- Development contracts are **100% funded**
- **Addresses a specific need:** companies respond to defined problems
- This leads to **cheaper, smarter, more 'fit for purpose' solutions**
- Companies gain a valuable **reference site** with the public sector
- **Companies retain the IP** developed

SBIR Ireland – Progress to Date

- **20 SBIR Challenges** launched to date across Ireland across local authorities, DEPR, Irish Rail and OPW solving challenges such as illegal dumping, rural transport and unheard voices
- **First Irish Health Challenge** – huge potential for SBIR to positively impact the patient and the health system
- A focus on **preventive** healthcare
- **Ireland looking to UK model** – through SBRI in UK NHS has:
 - Impacted over 1.2M patients
 - Secured savings of £24-30M to date
 - Future value of pipeline estimated at £1.2BN to £1.8BN,
 - Reduced waiting times, stay in hospitals & GP appointments

SBIR Diabetes Challenge

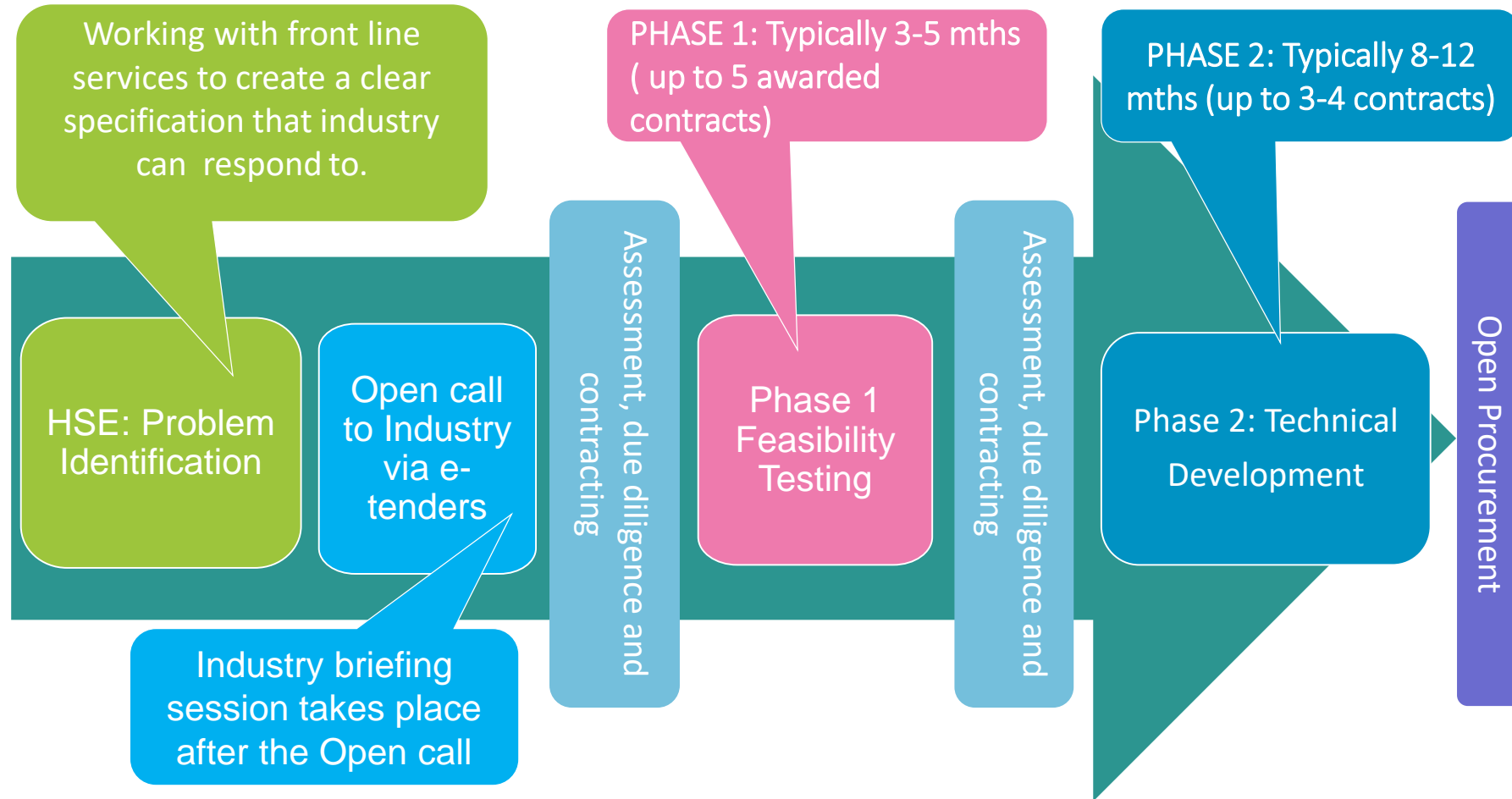
The Challenge seeks innovative solutions across two specific problematic areas:

1. Reducing the risk of women developing Type 2 diabetes following gestational diabetes
 2. Screening for diabetic foot disease in all patients with diabetes
- Total Challenge budget: **€200K**
 - **Up to 6 companies** will be awarded Phase 1 Funding (up to €20K each to undertake feasibility study)
 - Challenge launched on 13th December and is live on e-tenders until **22nd February**
 - A briefing event on will be held on **5th February** in Galway City
 - For more info please see the EI [press release](#)



SBIR Journey

SBIR operates under a robust process of needs identification



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