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NHS Innovation Accelerator

Recruiting the best innovations in the world

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- Question and Answers

About the NHS Innovation Accelerator

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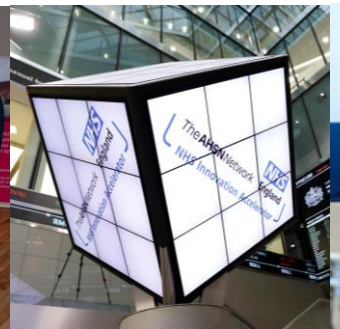
What is the NHS Innovation Accelerator?

- **Supports the uptake and spread of high impact, evidence-based innovations across England's NHS, benefitting patients, populations and NHS staff.**

- NHS England initiative delivered in partnership with England's 15 Academic Health Science Networks (AHSNs), hosted by UCLPartners.

- All 15 AHSNs contribute financially to the NIA. This provides bursaries to Fellows and supports programme delivery.



Set up to:

- Help **create the conditions and cultural change necessary for proven innovations to be adopted faster** and more systematically in the NHS
- Deliver innovation into practice for **demonstrable patient and population benefit**
- **Learn from Fellows' experiences** so that others benefit from knowledge generated

A unique Accelerator

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Dual focus

Mature, ready for spread

Breadth

Insights-sharing

What this translates into…

- **Insight** into the changing policy context of the NHS
- **Introductions and showcasing** opportunities
- **Navigation** of the innovation and research infrastructure
- **Critical challenge** and support to refine plans through access to expert advice
- **Reputation building:** association with the brand of the NIA and its partners
- **Influencing national policy:** including via the NIA Programme Board, chaired by Professor Stephen Powis, National Medical Director, NHS England

The impact of the NIA

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32 FELLOWS

17 ALUMNI

£133.8m FUNDS RAISED

414 NEW JOBS CREATED

2,120 NHS SITES USING NIA INNOVATIONS

98 AWARDS WON

32 INNOVATIONS SELLING INTERNATIONALLY

Examples of NIA innovations

i-Thrive: improving delivery of mental health services for children, young people and their

The CATCH app, adopted by 10+ sites, is offering guidance and reassurance for parents to provide self-care for their children at home, without visiting the hospital

Avoidance of harm to new mothers by using Episcissors-60

ORCHA is supporting HCPs to find and recommend the best apps to patients via localised health app portals

NIA – Fellows highlights

Resources: My Story series: impact of innovations for real people

Arlene Rowe

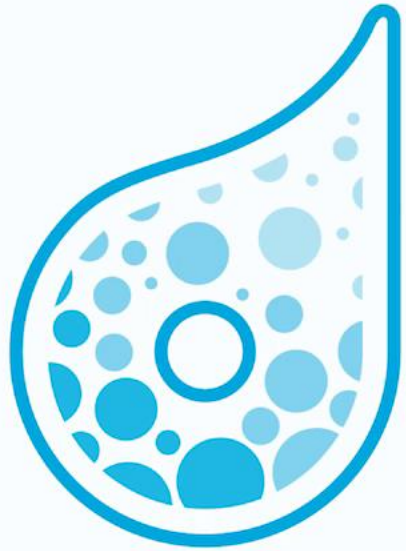
“Since being on the ESCAPE-pain programme, my life has changed massively… to not think ‘ouch’ every time you do anything… or to worry that you won’t be able to get onto the pavement safely when crossing the road.”

Anna Doherty

“I was trying to carry on as best I could….., But my eating disorder was taking over my life. Then my doctor referred me to the FREED programme - First episode Rapid Early intervention service for Eating Disorders.”

Clare Murray

"I have white coat syndrome... so for me, the HaMpton app was really excellent because it meant that I could take control of my blood pressure readings and I could do them at home."



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Recruitment

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This year are recruiting up to 12 exceptional individuals with evidence-based ready-to-scale innovations that meet one or more of the commitments detailed in the NHS Long Term Plan:

- Acute services
- Cancer
- Cardiovascular disease
- Diabetes
- Improving services
- Maternity and neonatal health
- Mental health and learning disabilities
- Primary and community services
- Respiratory care
- Stroke
- Workforce
- Other

What are we looking for?

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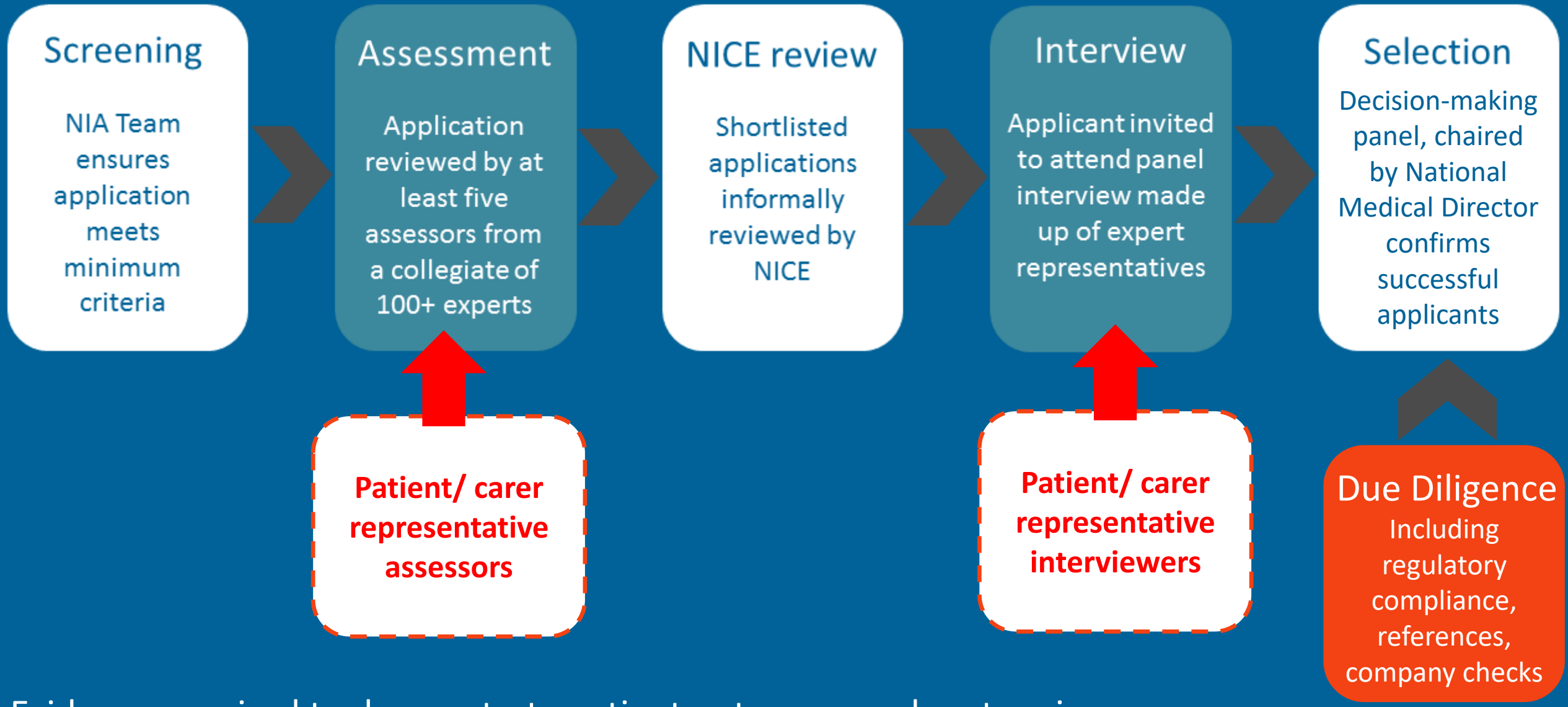
Applicant	• Set of strong values & a passion for learning & sharing insights for the benefits of entrepreneurs and the wider care system • Can commit two days per week to the NIA
Innovation	• Addresses at least one of the LTP priorities • Evidence-base showing delivery of better patient outcomes & reduced cost • Sufficiently mature (including satisfying all necessary regulatory, intellectual property and ethical frameworks)
Scaling Plan	• Convincing, ambitious plan for how you will scale your innovation for patient benefit

Rigorous application and selection process



Evidence required to demonstrate patient outcomes and cost savings

Assessing the applications

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Applicant "Fellow"

Innovation

Strategy

Assessing the applications

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Innovation

- Is there a clear need?
- Will it make an impact?
- Have patients/ public been involved in its design?
- From your experience, will it work?

Completing the assessment

- To benchmark how well applications have been completed read through your batch of applications
- Each section can be scored from ‘0’ to ‘3’
- Please us your judgement and experience to comment on the innovation
- Include constructive advice and ideas for improvement
- Your comments need to help us understand your score
- Assessor comments are collated anonymously to provide written feedback to every applicant
- Lastly an overall recommendation of ‘Yes’ or ‘No’ for the applicant to go through to interview
- Only applicants with a majority ‘yes’ recommendation are invited to interview

Scoring the application

Score	Description	Guidance
0	Poor response	• Poor responses to all questions within this element, failing to demonstrate the level of ambition for the NIA and the stated call requirements • Responses are vague or incomplete and fail to address the questions
1	Average response	• Average responses to questions within this element, only partially meeting the level of ambition for the NIA and the stated call requirements • There are substantial gaps or shortcomings
2	Good response	• Good responses to all questions within this element, largely meeting the level of ambition for the NIA and the stated call requirements • Good response - covers most aspects of the question but there are some gaps
3	Excellent response	• Excellent responses to all questions within this element, clearly meeting the level of ambition for the NIA and the stated call requirements • Excellent responses - complete, concise and addressing all aspects of each question with clear evidence/ examples

Assessing applications

- Applications are on the SurveyMonkey Apply system
- You will be sent an email link to the system directly from SurveyMonkey Apply
- You will need to choose a password to access the applications you have been assigned
- Online assessment period from 4 November to 1 December
- If need hard copies of the application forms please let us know
- All assessments need to be completed **by midnight on Sunday 1 December 2019**

Conflicts of Interest

- The assessment process needs to be fair so potential conflicts and interests need to be declared.

Direct Conflict	Indirect Conflict
You have been directly involved in the application	You work for or with the company but had no knowledge, involvement, or do you stand to directly benefit from the outcome of the application
You are part of the project or feel in anyway you are not able to independently and objectively assess the application	You previously worked for an individual or organisation named in the application
You feel you could benefit (directly or indirectly) from either scoring the application well or scoring it poorly (for example as a direct competitor)	

How to complete your assessments

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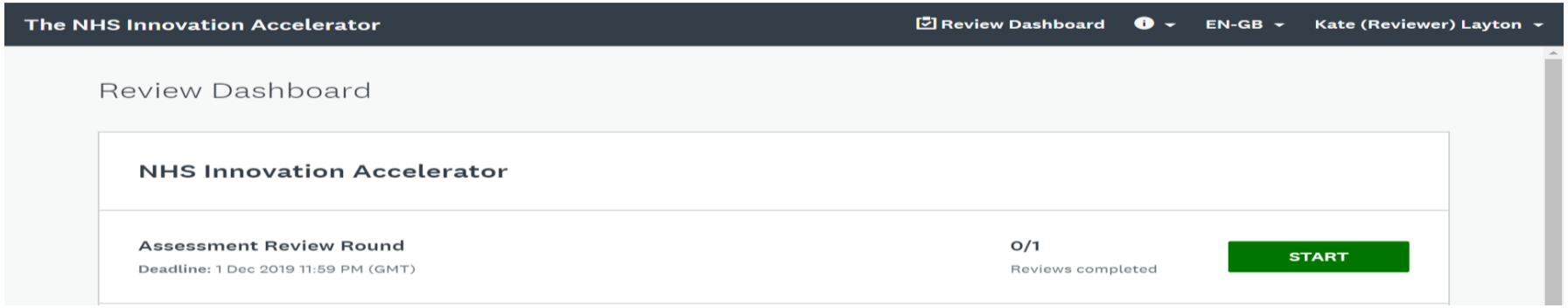
Accessing your applications

- You will receive an email from noreply@mail.smapply.io with a link to the NHS Innovation Accelerator portal
- Click on this link and follow the instructions to enter your chosen password
- Your login details are your email address and password
- If you need to reset your password click on the Forgot your Password option on the sign-in page
- When signed into the site you will be directed to the landing page
- Click on Continue to site link that appears in the Welcome box
- SMApply classifies Assessors as Reviewers so portal refer's to the Reviewer role rather than an Assessor role.

The ‘Reviewers’ Dashboard



- Displays the number of NIA applications assigned to you and the number completed to date
- Please click on the Start button and the list of applications appears on the next screen

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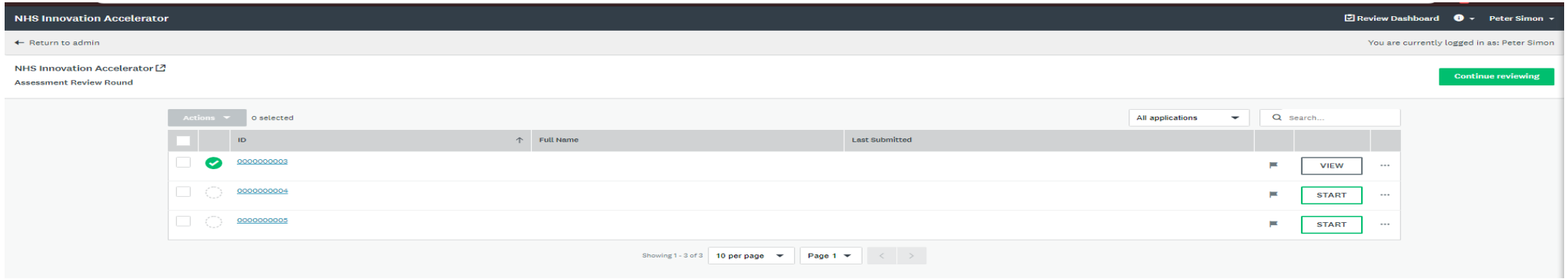
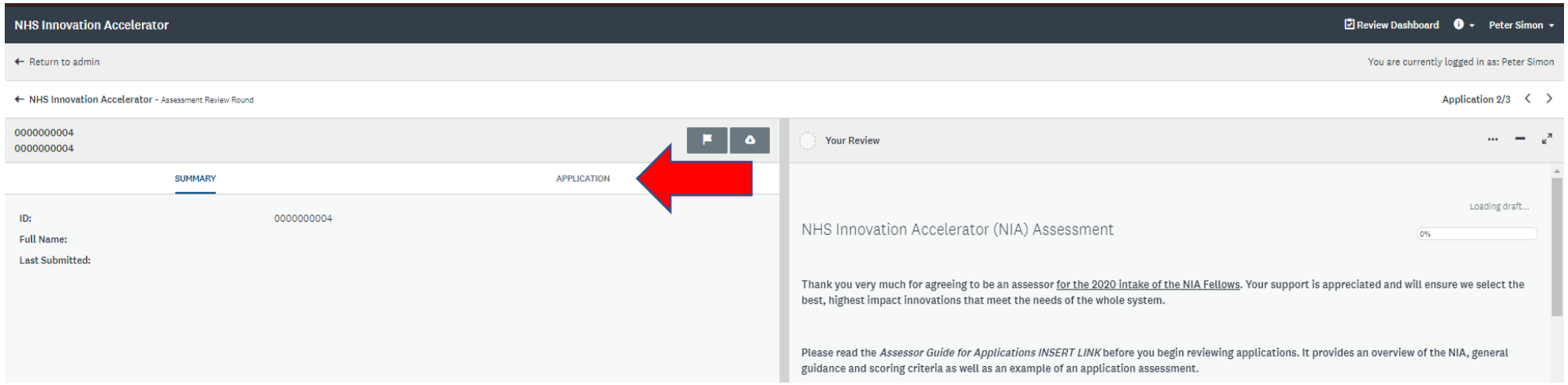


- Applications are listed by Application ID
- Click on the Start button on the right side of the application ID to review the application

How to assess the application



- Application details are on the left hand side of the screen and the assessment form on the right
- There are two tabs on the application side select the Application tab to view all sections of the application form

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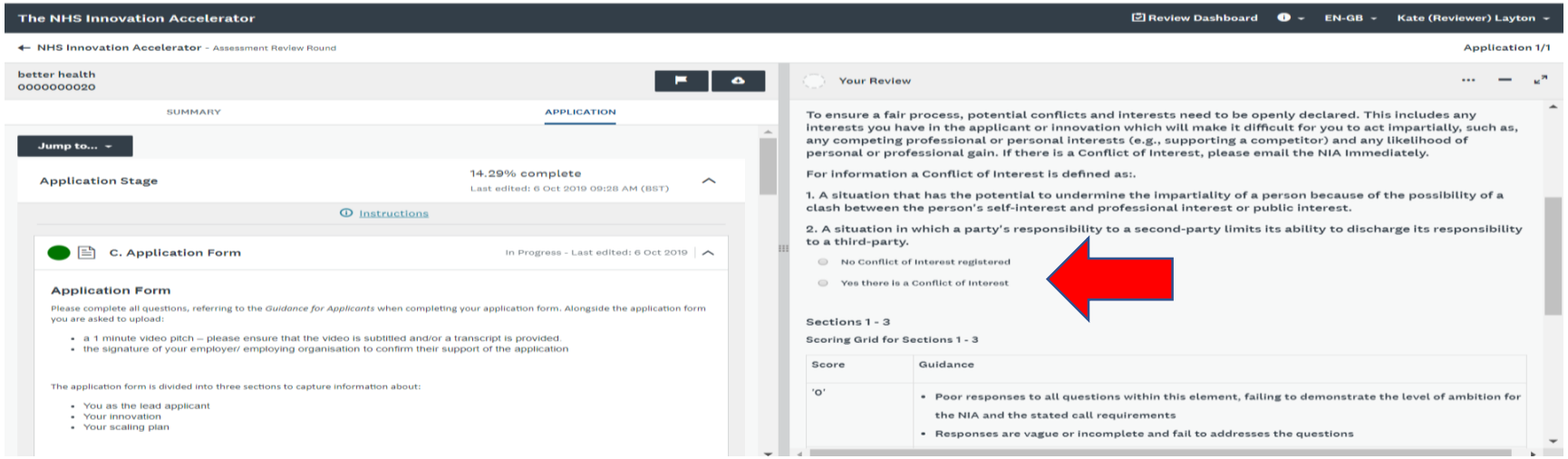
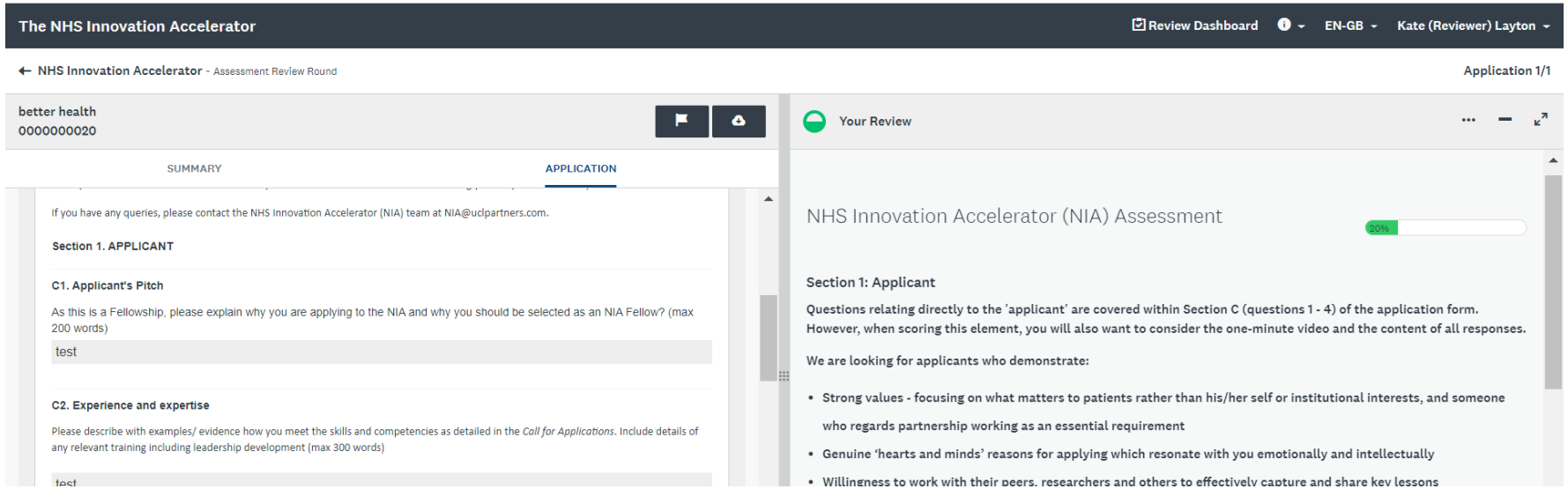


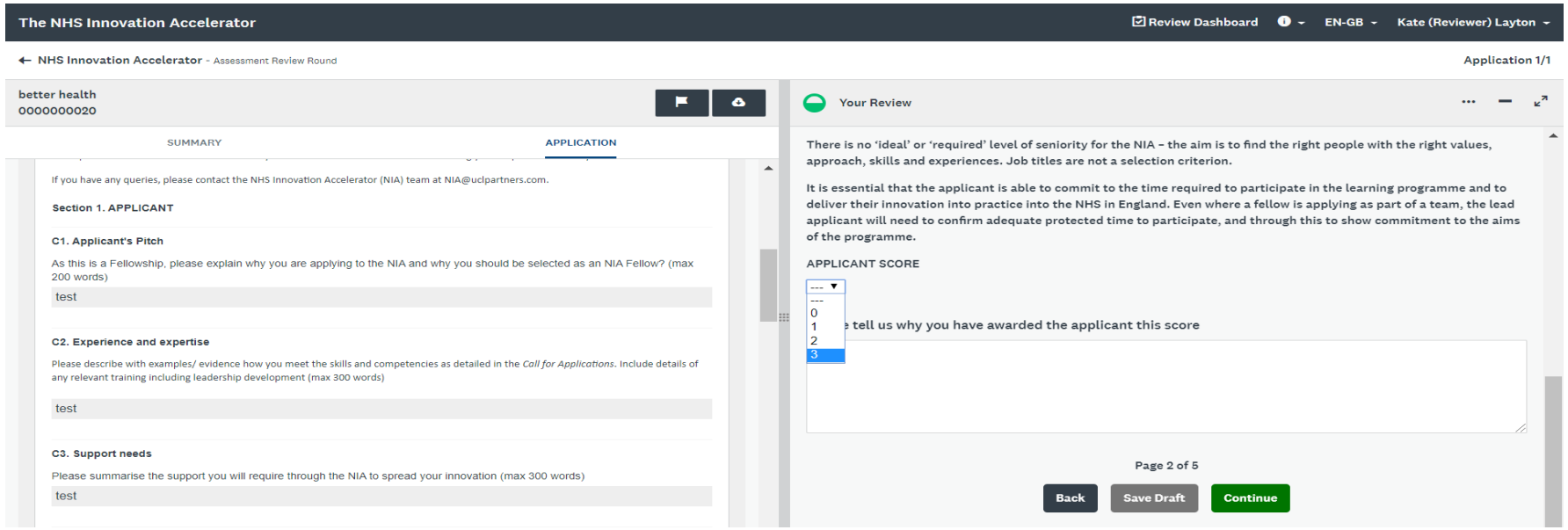
- The assessment form you need to complete is on the right hand side
- You will first need to declare if there is or isn't a Conflict on Interest
- Scroll down the page and click on 'Save & Continue' to move to the next page to begin your assessment

Completing your assessment



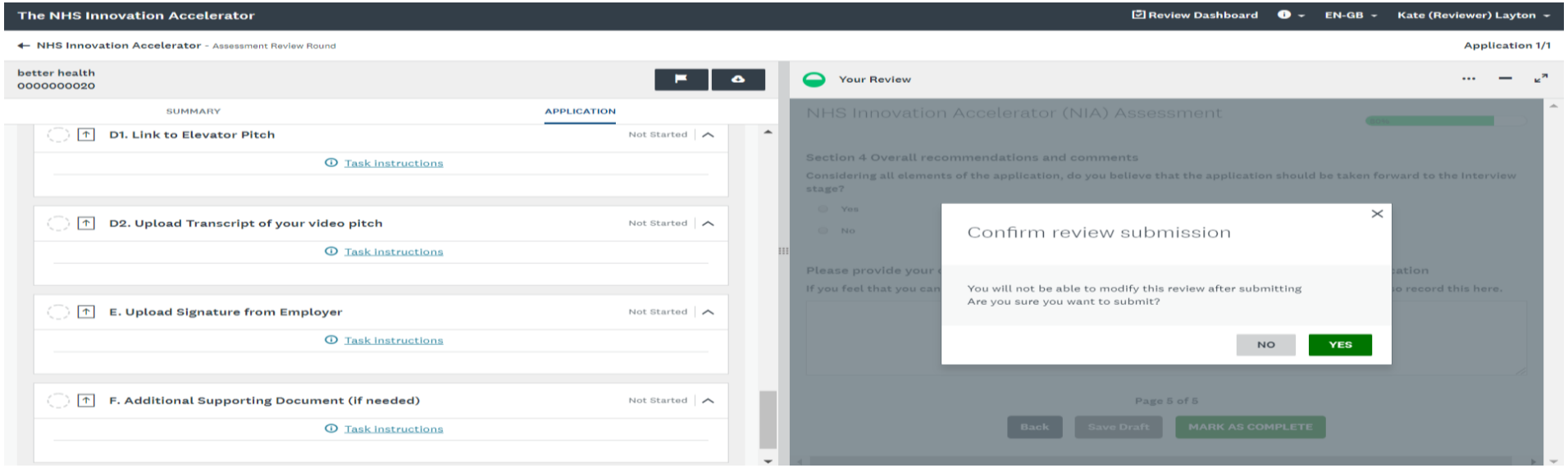
- The assessment form is in 3 elements - Applicant, Innovation and Scaling
- There is a final part for Overall recommendations and comments
- Only Section 2: Innovation is compulsory as all Assessors must complete

Entering your assessment



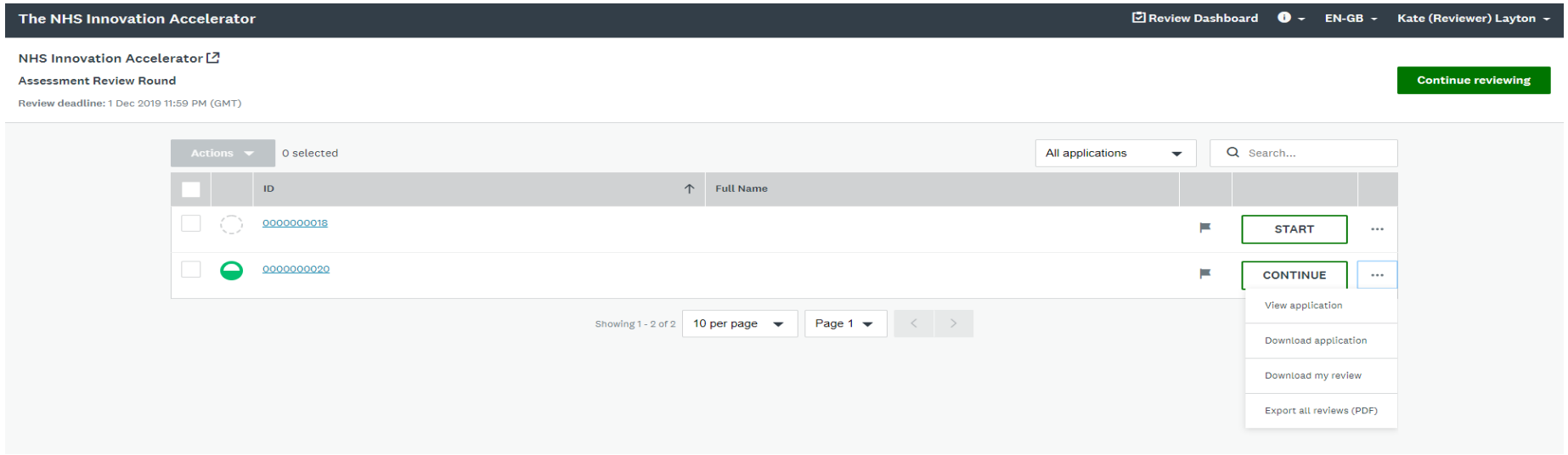
- Each section of the form has an overview of the criteria the NIA require
- As you progress through the form, select the appropriate score (0-3) from the dropdown list and enter your comments in the text box
- You can at any point 'Save Draft' or 'Continue' to the next section or move 'Back' to edit previous pages

Submitting your assessment



- To complete the assessment click on the ‘Mark as Complete’ button
- Select ‘Yes’ to submit your assessment
- **Please note that you will not be able to modify the review after submitting**

Additional features



- From the Reviewers Dashboard you can ‘Download Application’ or
- ‘Download my review’ as pdfs to read offline
- **To comply with data protection laws, please ensure all downloaded files are permanently deleted from your files when you have completed your assessments**

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Questions?

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