**Budgetary considerations – informed by the I-ASC experience**

Awareness of the financial implications, and attempting to offer informed suggestions for future bid construction, leads us to suggest the following considerations for any future bid submission attempting the level of PI involvement the I-ASC project delivered:

* For the lead organisation: consideration of time from the Chief / Principal Investigator in the bid development, pre-project set up phase, i.e., during the period of contract confirmation, employment of Research Fellow staff, etc., to support PI co-researchers in their contributions.
* For the lead organisation: consideration of how they will remunerate the PI-co-researchers / bid developers during the bid preparation phase and also during the pre-project set-up phases, i.e., outside of the funding award.
* For the research funders: additional time from the Chief Investigator to support methodological rigour, training and support (half day per week for the entire project delivery phases).
* For the research funders: a project manager role to support all administrative necessities, e.g., research passports, occupational health processes, HR processes (half day per week).
* For the research funders: additional time from Research Fellow staff to support logistical, theoretical, analytical and delivery and dissemination processes (a total of one day per week).
* For the research funders: appropriate budget to support reimbursement of PI contributors / researchers, e.g., vouchers for those who cannot be paid directly without jeopardising state benefit provision.
* For the research funders: appropriate budget to identify a research assistant role to support anyone who needs it. For example, someone with a severe communication disability can be effectively supported to deliver research objectives when given adequate support by a well-informed RA.