**Guidelines** *(please read carefully)*

* Exhibitions typically run for eight weeks.
* There is some scope to engage the hospital community in collaborative/participatory arts experiences in tandem with the exhibition. If you wish to pursue this in some way please include details in the appropriate sections below.
* There may be some constraints in terms of space, subject matter and infection control:

- Space can be quite limited in a hospital and healthcare context. Because of this, innovative ways should be considered when proposing to install art into these spaces. Please include measurements or relevant details of the size of space you will need to place your work comfortably in context.

- Proposals should be sensitive conceptually to the hospital environment. With this in mind, artists should avoid imagery overtly suggestive of illness. Although it might seem paradoxical to avoid illness in art in this context, in a hospital space audiences can be feelingvulnerable and it is important that this is considered.

- Infection control is always a consideration in the healthcare context. Please see below:

**Infection Control and Health and Safety requirements**

The following guidelines have been issued by the Infection Control and Health and Safety Departments of University Hospital Waterford:

* Artworks should be washable, reasonably maintenance free and durable. They must not interfere in any way with the existing equipment or functioning of the space and must not pose a health and safety risk to the users of the space.
* The artwork must have access to all parts for manual cleaning.
* All surfaces must tolerate frequent cleaning with detergents/water and occasional disinfectants.
* Surfaces must be compatible with the HSE disinfection range of chlorine releasing agents.
* Instructions on the care and maintenance of the artwork are required.
* The artwork must have durable smooth surfaces.
* Artwork with exposed canvas, feathers, textiles or non-smooth surfaces must be encased in some sort of solid frame or material to facilitate cleaning/dusting. This will also prevent the artwork from acting as a reservoir for the spread of micro-organisms.
* An artwork involving a water feature is not approved for hospital use.
* The artwork should not have any sharp aspects/objects that could cause an injury to toddlers and children.
* It should not protrude from its fixture to the extent that it would cause an impaction.
* It should not contain beads or parts that can be easily removed and accidentally swallowed.
* Any accessible glass used should be toughened and / or shatter proof.

**For any initial queries please contact Project Coordinator, Aisling Kennedy:** **aislingc.kennedy@hse.ie** **/ 051 84 8006**

**Proposal** *(please type out your answers)*

Full name(s) *(for a group exhibition list all names)*

Solo exhibition [] Group exhibition []

Year of Exhibition

Preferred timeframe to exhibit

Lead contact email address

What media will you be exhibiting?

Do you wish for us to host a reception? If yes, please provide details.

Do you wish to incorporate collaborative/participatory elements into your proposal? If so, how? *(150 words)*

Short description of the exhibition proposal *(250 words)*

How will the work be installed?

**Please submit this form along with an artist CV and three images of your work, for the attention of Aisling Kennedy, Project Coordinator to** **whatartshealth@gmail.com**

**Please note that applications must be sent to the Gmail address listed above as HSE accounts cannot receive large files**.

Deadline for applications is Tuesday, 31 January 2023.