

Thames Valley's Health & Life Sciences working group



Working Group Strategy (update)

April 2023

Our Mission

**To advance the Thames Valley's leadership
in health and life sciences,
to grow the industry,
add value to the healthcare system
and improve patient lives.**



“On a rising tide all boats rise”

Introduction: Business-led network for life sciences

- A **growing regional network of premier/global health and life sciences companies**, coordinated by the accredited Thames Valley Chamber of Commerce.
- **Business-led.** Independent chair from business (Sue Staunton, James Cowper Kreston).
- **Integrated approach** bringing together talent from academia/research institutes, business, government, landowners and health service providers.
- **‘Commissioned’ by Government** to prepare and lead a network for the Thames Valley (see: [LSH sector deal 2](#), page 54). Opportunity to strengthen via [Life Sciences Vision](#) / Missions.
- **Momentum** continues to build. Growing endorsement and support from respected sector champions (e.g., Sir John Bell) and HMG, inc. Harjinder Kang (Office for Life Sciences).
- **Time to Advance** – advance our 2021/22 Transition Strategy into a refreshed ‘action plan’.

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Top interest areas (do these still stand firm)

- Genomics in diagnosis & personalised medicine.
- Health data to make UK 'home' of data-driven life sciences.
- Support for the Life Sciences workforce.
- Cell & Gene Therapy & Advanced Manufacturing.
- AI Imaging Hub & Data Observatory.

Three strand strategy model

- Eco-system, assets and Volume and Value.

Promote and Build

- Vision, Assets, Eco-system.

Reshaping the UK's global trading position – Thames Valley's role

- Thames Valley and sector specific issues (same / different).
- Trade, regulation, policy 'conditions' (engaging with DBT).
- Sustaining foreign direct investment (key markets / challenges).
- Working Group (providing/offering) solutions.

Key Projects & Project Opportunities

- International positioning of key property assets (to attract FDI / build-out), incl.
 - Green Park
 - Harwell Campus (inc. on-site R&D assets)
- Royal Berkshire NHS Foundation Trust – new hospitals programme.
- Local Skills Improvement Plans (Berkshire & Oxfordshire) – key focus = HLS.
- Syngenta's Jealott's Hill Campus redevelopment (revisiting the proposition?)
- Key regional policy messages into HMG (Life Sciences Vision / Missions/Levelling-up?), inc. 'articulating the investment opportunity' (Bottoming-out of the 'golden triangle')

Action / Activity priorities (building the eco-system building/re-profiling/re-positioning the Thames Valley)

- Company to company - 'Intra-mural' - exchange programme (to ensure large corporates are engaged & accessible to those smaller, in-region, companies to support, mentor, strengthen supply chains).
- Dedicated (sponsored) portal – e.g., see <https://www.massbio.org/>.
- Promote and Build the ecosystem – incl.; strengthening the breadth and depth of the working group membership.
- Strengthen existing content/commercial opportunities at: www.thamesvalley.co.uk/sectors/life-sciences-and-healthcare/.
- VIP/FOC visitor programme - which companies/what central assets/centres of excellence do we look to showcase?
- And what else?