

## Thames Valley's Health and Life Sciences Working Group

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2025

### Agenda

**Venue: Stratus, 100 Longwater Avenue, Green Park, Reading, RG2 6GP**

Item	Timing (approx.)	Lead
Arrival and Registration	11:00-11:15	All
Pre-event refreshments and networking	11:15-11:55	All
Welcome from HLSWG Chair	12:00-12:10	<a href="#">Sue Staunton</a>
<p><u>Guest Speaker</u></p> <p>'Just About Managing: The Role of Effective Management and Leadership in Improving NHS Performance and Productivity' - followed by facilitated Q&amp;A with Chair</p> <p>Stuart Carroll, Senior Fellow Policy Exchange and speaking in an independent capacity</p> <p><i>It should be noted Stuart Carroll is also Director of Market Access and Policy Affairs, Moderna UK (see also: <a href="#">Moderna MITC</a>). Authorship here is in a fully independent capacity and is not connected to nor influenced by Moderna</i></p>	12:10-12:40	<p><a href="#">Stuart Carroll</a></p> <p>Sue Staunton</p>
<p><u>Business Roundtable</u></p> <p>The new/developing policy framework and what does this mean / implications for the HLS sector</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Innovation Adoption Strategy<sup>1</sup></li> <li>• <a href="#">Invest 2035: the UK's modern industrial strategy</a><sup>2</sup></li> <li>• <a href="#">Road to recovery: HMG's 2025 mandate to NHS England</a> (see NHS response - <a href="#">2025/26 priorities &amp; operational planning guidance</a><sup>34</sup>)</li> <li>• What are our agreed takeaways to progress/present?</li> </ul>	12:40-13:10	All

<sup>1</sup> Referenced on page 13 of the [Labour Party plan for HLS](#) and being developed by the Office for Life Sciences. Publication expected new financial year (2025/26).

<sup>2</sup> The Department for Business and Trade's team, leading on developing the Industrial Strategy white paper have invited our reflections, today, on the following three questions:

- What are the greatest growth opportunities in the life sciences sector & where are the UK's specific strengths and capabilities?
- What are the key barriers to growth for the life sciences sector? What do you think is holding back investment?
- How can government support the life sciences sector to further innovate and scale? Where are the opportunities at local and national level?

<sup>3</sup> Setting out the national priorities to improve patient outcomes are, inc. (i) reduce the time people wait for elective care and improve: (ii) A&E waiting & ambulance response times; (iii) patients' access to general practice/patient experience/urgent dental care; (iv) patient flow through mental health crisis and acute pathways.

<sup>4</sup> This guidance sets out fewer national priorities, 18 headline ([compared to 31 last year & 133 in 2022/23](#)).

<u>Discussion Topics</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">JP Morgan Annual Healthcare Conference</a> – key takeaways</li> <li>• <a href="#">Devolution / Oxford-Cambridge Arc</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">New Hospitals Programme announcement</a> (see: <a href="#">RBfT</a> and expected construction date 2037 to 2039)</li> </ul>	13:10 -13:40	Sue Staunton  Andrew Barrett
<u>Chamber Update</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Windsor Debates</a> - ‘The Foundations for UK Growth – Health and Life Sciences’ (21<sup>st</sup>/03)</li> <li>• <a href="#">Western Rail Link to London Heathrow</a> update</li> <li>• <a href="#">Business Alliance Dinner</a> with Lonza’s Martin Wrankmore (27<sup>th</sup>/02/2025 at Cliveden)</li> <li>• <a href="#">Thames Valley Growth Conference</a> hosted by Syngenta (Jealott’s Hill campus, 14<sup>th</sup>/05/2025)</li> </ul>	13:40-13:50	<a href="#">Gareth Ralphs</a>
<u>AOB</u>	13:50-14:00	Sue Staunton
<u>Dates of next scheduled meetings in 2025 – Green Park, Reading</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wed 9<sup>th</sup> April - speaker/s to include Rosalind Franklin Institute</li> <li>• Wed 16<sup>th</sup> July - speaker/s to include <a href="#">Dr Sam Roberts</a>, National Institute for Health and Care Excellence</li> <li>• Wed 15<sup>th</sup> October - speaker/s to include <a href="#">Phil Smith</a> and <a href="#">Peter Ellingworth</a> (TBC)</li> </ul>		