



Thames Valley's Health and Life Sciences (HLS) Working Group

Incorporating the Local Skills Improvement Plan (LSIP) Workforce Development Partnership for HLS

Wednesday 17th June 2026 (12:15 – 15:15)

100 Longwater Avenue, Green Park, Reading, RG2 6GP

Agenda	Timings
Arrival, Networking and Lunch	12:15 - 13:00
Welcome from the Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Sue Staunton</u>, Partner and Head of Life Sciences, James Cowper Kreston 	13:00 - 13:10
Intergenerational use of technology: Advancing POCUS innovation in the NHS Thames Valley <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Ingrid Stracker</u>, Point-of-Care Ultrasound Clinical Specialist Lead, Royal Berkshire NHS Foundation Trust 	13:10 - 13:30
Women's Health Strategy Update / Group Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Katherine Edwards</u>, Director of Patient Safety and Clinical Improvement, Health Innovation Oxford & Thames Valley (Women's Health Strategy Webinar – watch back HERE) 	13:30 – 13:50
Innovation to Commercial Success; Challenges to Solutions; Opportunities for the region <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Lord Lionel Tarassenko</u>, President of Reuben College and Professor of Electrical Engineering, University of Oxford 	13:50 - 14:40
Member Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Boehringer Ingelheim – AI Accelerator</u> (Claire Bowie) • University of Reading's Industrial Advisory Board (<u>Phil Dash</u>) • Oxford Brookes University – Skills Passport programme (<u>Lucy Turner</u>) • Royal Berkshire NHS Foundation Trust – (Andrew Barrett) 	14:40 - 15:05
Working Group Updates and AOB <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gareth Ralphs (incl. Equinix Digital Sovereignty and DC site visit) • Sue Staunton 	15:05 - 15:10
Thank you, close and further networking	15:10 - 15:15
Remining 2026 meeting dates (venue as above - Green Park, Reading) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday 5th November 2026 (12:00-15:00) 	