



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

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

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2026 (12:15 – 15:15)**

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

Agenda	Timings
<b>Arrival, Networking and Lunch</b>	12:15 - 13:00
<b>Welcome from the Chair</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Sue Staunton</u>, Partner and Head of Life Sciences, James Cowper Kreston</li> </ul>	13:00 - 13:10
<b>Intergenerational use of technology: Advancing POCUS innovation in the NHS Thames Valley</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Ingrid Stracker</u>, Point-of-Care Ultrasound Clinical Specialist Lead, Royal Berkshire NHS Foundation Trust</li> </ul>	13:10 - 13:30
<b>Innovation to Commercial Success; Challenges to Solutions; Opportunities for the region</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Lord Lionel Tarassenko</u>, President of Reuben College and Professor of Electrical Engineering, University of Oxford</li> </ul>	13:30 - 14:20
<b>Women's Health Strategy Update / Group Discussion</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Katherine Edwards</u>, Director of Patient Safety and Clinical Improvement, Health Innovation Oxford &amp; Thames Valley</li> <li>Open Discussion – identifying good practice / Implementation (Women's Health Strategy Webinar – watch back <a href="#">HERE</a>)</li> </ul>	14:20 - 14:30 14:30 - 14:40
<b>Member Updates</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Boehringer Ingelheim – AI Accelerator</u> (David Newman)</li> <li>University of Reading's Industrial Advisory Board (<u>Phil Dash</u>)</li> <li>Oxford Brookes University – Skills Passport programme (Lucy Turner)</li> </ul>	14:40 - 15:05
<b>Working Group Updates and AOB</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gareth Ralphs and Sue Staunton</li> </ul>	15:05 - 15:10
<b>Thank you, close and further networking</b>	15:10 - 15:15
<b>Remining 2026 meeting dates</b> (venue as above - Green Park, Reading), <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>October 2026 (time / date TBC)</li> </ul>	