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

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

Thursday 5th November (12:00-14:30)
100 Longwater Avenue, Green Park, Reading, RG2 6GP

Agenda	Timings
Arrival, networking and lunch	12:00 - 12:30
Sue Staunton, Working Group Chair and Partner and Head of Life Sciences, James Cowper Kreston Welcome, Reflections on the Budget and wider sector update. Context to the Finance topic	12:30 - 12:40
Jim Wilkinson, Chair, Oxford Seed Fund and former Chief Financial Officer, Oxford Science Enterprises Early-stage and Later-stage funding in the Health and Life Sciences sector	12:40 - 13:05
Dr. Mamta Bajre, Head of Health Economics & Methodology, Health Innovation Network Oxford & Thames Valley. Grant Funding into the Health and Life Sciences sector, inc. early-and later-stage funding	13:05 - 13:25
Panel Session on NHS / Health Sector funding and finance • Adrian Hill, Former Director of Health Tech, Innovate UK, UKRI • Kiran Gulati, Director, Market Development, New England Biolabs • Alison Patten-Hall, Partner, Blake Morgan	13:30 - 13:55
Member Updates • Jacinta George, Vice President/Managing Director, Reading Scientific Services Ltd. (RSSL) – Power of partnership in securing funding / finance to the sector in the Thames Valley • Robert Bowen, Director of Strategy and System Development, NHS Thames Valley Integrated Care Board – Introduction to the ICB • Kevin Sullivan, Director of NHS Partnerships, Icon Cancer Centre – Introduction to ICON Group and their new Thames Valley facility • Hannah O'Neil, Group Director, City of Oxford College and University Centre – LSIP Workforce Development Partnership: New curriculum and an overview of the new Growth and Skills Levy and the new apprenticeship they have developed/are developing. • Anna Boniface, Advanced Critical Care Practitioner, RBfT – Women's Health: PhD Project – How Does Critical Illness Influence Women's Experiences of the Menstrual Cycle, Menopause and their Engagement with Healthcare Services?	13:55 - 14:20
Gareth Ralphs, TVCC	14:20 - 14:25
AOB, thank you and close	14:25 - 14:30
2027 meeting dates (Green Park Conference Centre, Reading, 12:00 -14:30) • Thursday 28th January 2027 • Thursday 17th June 2027 • Thursday 4th November 2027	