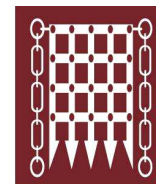


Westminster Business Forum Keynote Seminar: Next steps for UK health life sciences - growth, innovation and infrastructure

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 22nd October 2015

Venue: The Caledonian Club, 9 Halkin Street, London SW1X 7DR



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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Daniel Zeichner MP, Member, House of Commons Science and Technology Committee
- 9.05 - 9.15 **Growth and competitiveness in UK life sciences - setting the domestic and international context**
Professor Hilary Thomas, Chief Medical Adviser and Partner, Healthcare Advisory, KPMG
- 9.15 - 10.10 **Priorities for supporting innovation - research, regulation and investment**
Perspectives on current measures to support innovation in life sciences, in relation to developing, licensing and procuring new medicines, devices and diagnostics. What lessons can be learnt from the first drug fast-tracked to NHS patients (designed to treat patients with advanced melanoma) under the new Early Access to Medicines Scheme? What more can be done to maximise the potential of innovation in UK healthcare, in light of technological advances in areas such as genomic sequencing, big data and digital convergence? What should be the next steps for creating robust and proportionate governance mechanisms to ensure patient privacy and appropriate use of data? What has been the impact of funding initiatives such as the Biomedical Catalyst on academically-led and SME-led projects in moving their research from discovery to commercialisation? What more can be done to incentivise investment in research and development (R&D) and early-stage investment? What impact have wider measures - including the Patent Box and the use of R&D tax credits - had on incentivising investment in UK life sciences?
Dr Virginia Acha, Executive Director, Research Medical and Innovation, ABPI
Professor Tim Hubbard, Head of Bioinformatics, Genomics England
Julia Manning, Chief Executive, 2020health
Neil Mesher, Managing Director, Philips Healthcare UKI
Dr Leeza Osipenko, Associate Director, Scientific Advice, NICE
Questions and comments from the floor with **Professor Hilary Thomas**, Chief Medical Adviser and Partner, Healthcare Advisory, KPMG
- 10.10 - 10.40 **Developing the life sciences ecosystem - progress and next steps**
Nicole Mather, Director, Office for Life Sciences
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.40 - 10.45 **Chair's closing remarks**
Daniel Zeichner MP, Member, House of Commons Science and Technology Committee
- 10.45 - 11.10 Coffee
- 11.10 - 11.15 **Chair's opening remarks**
Ifan Evans, Deputy Director, Healthcare Technology & Innovation, Welsh Government
- 11.15 - 11.55 **The regional life sciences landscape - market access, international competition and economic growth**
Dr Hakim Yadi, Chief Executive Officer, Northern Health Science Alliance
Toby Reid, Director, BioCity Nottingham
Sarah Haywood, Chief Operating Officer, MedCity
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.55 - 12.30 **Developing collaboration, partnerships and skills across UK life sciences**
Assessing the progress of developing world-class research and clinical infrastructure in the UK life sciences sector, in light of the ongoing Strategy for UK Life Sciences. What more can be done to support the future economic development of the sector and to sustain growth, especially with regard to scaling up manufacturing and distribution? How can collaboration and partnerships between universities, research institutions, industry and the NHS be further built upon; what examples are there for novel and diverse alliances and different working ways? What can be learnt from initiatives such as the Cell Therapy and Precision Medicine Catapults, particularly in relation to making it easier for researchers to commercialise academic research, ensuring product quality, and managing risk? What challenges remain to attracting and retaining world-leading talent within the sector? What more can be done to ensure the availability of key skills among graduates, raise awareness of career opportunities, and increase placement opportunities?
Dr Spyros Manolopoulos, Consultant Clinical Scientist and Radiotherapy Physics Strategy Lead, University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire NHS Trust
Professor Stephen Moss, Vice-Dean Enterprise, Faculty of Brain Sciences, University College London
Ian Walker, Commercial Officer, Precision Medicine Catapult
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 - 12.55 **UK Life Sciences - next steps for strategy**
Dr Mark Treherne, Chief Executive, Life Sciences Organisation, UK Trade & Investment
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Business Forum closing remarks**
Ifan Evans, Deputy Director, Healthcare Technology & Innovation, Welsh Government
Marc Gammon, Associate Editor, Westminster Business Forum