

**Westminster Health Forum policy conference:
Next steps for the life sciences industry in the UK**

Timing: Morning, Wednesday, 15th October 2025

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Examining the Life Sciences Sector Plan - priorities for sector support, collaboration and medicine pricing going forward**
Dr Richard Torbett, Chief Executive, ABPI
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Strategic priorities for life sciences in the UK - next steps for the sector following the Life Sciences Sector Plan and 10-Year Health Plan**
assessing the Sector Plan / practical delivery, clarity and sequencing of implementation milestones / opportunities under the 10-Year Health Plan and NHS collaboration frameworks / addressing regulatory barriers and implementing the MHRA Clinical Trial Framework / priorities for the Regulatory Innovation Office and further streamlining initiatives / NHS capacity for clinical trial delivery / use of real-world data and the National Health Data Research Service / trial inclusivity and community engagement / digital innovation, AI and adoption / NICE appraisal expansion and support for innovation uptake
Dr Claire Cole, Deputy Managing Director, Research and Innovation, Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust; and Director, NIHR Greater Manchester Commercial Research Delivery Centre
Senior representative, research
Senior representative, think tank
Senior representative, industry
- 9.50 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.15 **Implementing streamlined regulation - clarity, consistency and support for innovation**
Senior representative, regulation
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.40 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.45 Break
- 10.55 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.00 **The way forward for the innovation ecosystem, and collaboration between the NHS and life sciences sector**
Roland Sinker CBE, Chief Executive, Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and Cambridge Biomedical Campus; and National Director, Life Sciences, NHS England
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.25 **Enhancing the international competitiveness of the UK life sciences sector - investment, workforce development and leveraging regional strengths**
attracting domestic and international investment / developing life sciences clusters and harnessing regional strengths beyond the Golden Triangle / expanding infrastructure, including lab and manufacturing space / founder-track spin-out models and proof-of-concept funding / attracting global talent and aligning visa policy with sector needs / tackling skill shortages and developing targeted apprenticeship frameworks / public-private collaboration and building inclusive regional clusters
Senior representative, workforce
Senior representative, investment
Senior representative, cluster
Senior representative, industry
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.10 **Improving environmental performance in MedTech - applying circular approaches and supporting sustainable growth**
Senior commentator
- 12.20 **Medicine pricing and procurement in the UK - value for money, addressing commercial challenges and addressing variation in technology adoption**
the way forward for voluntary and statutory schemes for medicines pricing / developing VPAG reform proposals, including tiered models and SME protections / assessing commercial challenges and supporting low-friction procurement / implementing innovator passports and supporting patient access / wider impact of a single national formulary / grants and tax initiatives to support innovation and growth / value-based pricing and environmental sustainability in procurement / identifying outdated technology and opportunities for innovative replacements
Senior representative, industry
Senior representative, health economics
Senior representative, procurement
Senior representative, patients
- 12.40 Questions and comments from the floor
- 13.05 **Next steps for life sciences policy in the UK and implementation of the Life Sciences Sector Plan**
Senior representative, policy
Questions and comments from the floor
- 13.30 **Chair's and Westminster Health Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Jessica Lear, Westminster Health Forum