

## Response to the Government's Strategy for UK Life Sciences

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The Academy of Medical Sciences welcomes the one year on report of the Government's Strategy for UK Life Sciences, which details the excellent progress made over the last year towards positioning the UK as the best place in the world for life sciences research, innovation and implementation. Although the Strategy is a long-term vision, we are delighted to see that acceleration of the programme is anticipated as we move forward.

The development of clinically robust whole genome sequencing in the NHS, and investment in improving the genomic and bioinformatic skill base, are important steps towards preparing the UK for the implementation of stratified medicine approaches in our healthcare services.

The Academy also recognises the importance of ensuring optimal innovation uptake in the NHS, and looks forward to working with the NICE implementation collaborative (NIC).

We applaud the Government's recognition that to improve patient access to innovative medicines, changes in pharmaceutical regulation are necessary. We hope to see continued Government support for the essential work of developing adaptive licensing approaches being carried out by the MHRA's Expert Group.