

Geographical clusters follow-up workshop

1 February 2017, 10.20 – 15.30

Armstrong Suite, Armstrong Building, Newcastle University, Newcastle, NE1 7RU

09.45-10.20	Registration and refreshments
The UK environment for life sciences clusters	
10.20-10.30	Introduction Professor Chris Day FMedSci (co-chair), Vice-Chancellor and President, Newcastle University
10.30-10.45	The UK environment for life sciences clusters Fran Spawls, Senior Policy Advisor, Office for Life Sciences
10.45-11.20	What is the vision for the future - where do we want to get to? Brief presentations on best practice: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Hakim Yadi, Chief Executive, Northern Health Science Alliance • Dr Geoff Davison, Chief Executive Officer, BioNow • Professor Reza Razavi, Director of Research, King's Health Partners Open discussion with the audience, including exploring key capabilities amongst different clusters.
11.20-12.45	What are the challenges facing clusters? Participants will split into break-out groups to explore challenges in the current environment based on a PEST analysis of political, economic, social and technological factors.
12.45-13.15	Feedback and discussion
13.15-13.50	Lunch
Looking to the future: a combined UK offering	
13.50-14.00	Introduction to the afternoon Professor Stephen Caddick (co-chair), Director of Innovations, Wellcome Trust
14.00-15.25	Building a strong UK-wide life sciences base Open discussion on how to overcome some of the key challenges discussed earlier, and capitalise on UK-wide research strengths through life sciences clusters to create a combined UK offering, and achieve the vision for the future.
15.25-15.30	Closing remarks Professor Chris Day FMedSci (co-chair), Vice-Chancellor and President, Newcastle University
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