

**18<sup>th</sup> May 2022 10.00 – 12:00**

**TEAMS online meeting**

**Attendees**

Ivan McKee (IMcK)	Co-Chair, Minister for Business, Trade, Tourism & Enterprise
Maree Todd (MT)	Minister for Public Health, Woman's Health and Sport
Mark Cook (MC)	Medtronic, Industry Co-Chair
Gary Whyte (GW)	IQVIA
David Bunton (DB)	Reprocell
John Mackenzie (JMac)	Roslin Innovation Centre
John McNeill (JMcN)	We are Pioneer Group
Giles Hamilton (GH)	ODx Innovations Ltd
Toby Reid (TR)	We are Pioneer Group (BioCity)
George Crooks (GC)	DHI
Alison Culpan (AC)	ABPI
Peter Ellingworth (PE)	ABHI
Andrew Howie (AH)	Scottish Enterprise
Alix Mackay (AM)	The Life Sciences Marketing Academy
Julie Brittenden (JBrit)	NRS/ University of Glasgow
Tom Steele (TS)	Innovation Steering Group
James Cameron (JC)	Highlands & Islands Enterprise

**Observing**

James Crichton (JC)	Scottish Government
Amanda Dutton (AD)	Scottish Government
Stephen O'Neill (SON)	Scottish Government
Andrew Fowlie (AF)	Scottish Government
Susan Sewell (SS)	Scottish Enterprise
Euan Dick (ED)	CSO
Sarah Hunt (SH)	SDS
Alison Dun (AD)	SULSA
Imme Jones (IJ)	Scottish Government

**Apologies**

Clive Badman (CB)	University of Strathclyde
Colin MacKay (CMK)	Symbiosis
Peter Mathieson (PM)	Universities Scotland

**Life Sciences Scotland Industry Leadership Group**  
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**Agenda**

<b>1</b>	<p><b>Welcome, Introductions,</b></p> <p><b>Adoption of February meeting note</b> <span style="float: right;">Mark Cook</span></p> <p><i>Reminder of teleconf etiquette</i></p> <p><i>Reminder of Chatham House Rule</i> <span style="float: right;">Industry Chair</span></p>
<b>2</b>	<p><b>Ministers' updates</b> <span style="float: right;">Ivan McKee</span></p> <p><span style="float: right;">Maree Todd</span></p>
<b>3</b>	<p><b>Strategy Refresh Workshop Session</b></p> <p><i>With reference to the circulated paper, each subgroup to present what they would change/add to the LSS strategy with the benefit of knowledge. A short life working group will be constituted after the meeting to take forward</i></p> <p><span style="float: right;">Mark Cook</span></p> <p><span style="float: right;">Gary White</span></p>
<b>4</b>	<p><b>Data and Digital update</b> <span style="float: right;">George Crooks</span></p>
<b>5</b>	<p><b>AOB</b></p>

**Dates of next meeting: 6 September 2022 9.00 – 11.00**

**ACTIONS**

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	LEAD	DEADLINE
<b>2.</b>	<b>Ministers Updates</b>		
2.1	Alison Culpan to follow up with Andrew Fowlie to discuss invites for industry to the SHIP innovation event in July.  Innovation event in July is now available on Eventbrite for bookings.	ABPI/AF	30.06.22
2.2	Alison Dun to follow up with SG officials to discuss best way to feed into the rUK Skills Attraction group.	SULSA/SG	30.06.22
2.3	Group to consider inviting the rUK Skills Attraction group to a future ILG meeting.	Governance Group	30.06.22
<b>3.</b>	<b>Strategy Refresh session</b>		
3.1	David Bunton to circulate questions to members.	DB/ALL	30.06.22
3.2	To get skills at the forefront of the business environment.	ALL	30.06.22
3.3	For ILG sub-groups who weren't able to contribute, Mark and Gary will request an update offline from them.	MC/GW	30.06.22
3.4	Mark and Gary will pull together all the comments and information from previous meetings with subgroup leads and come up with a Strategy Refresh Action Plan to be brought back to the group for the September meeting.	MC/GW	31.08.22
3.5	Mark and Gary to form a short life working group to work on the Strategy Refresh	MC/GW	30.06.22

## Meeting Note

### Introduction – Mark Cook, Industry co-chair

1. Mark (MC) outlined agenda and acknowledged new sector statistics including latest industry turnover of £7.4 billion which Mr McKee covered in his speech for the recent Life Sciences Awards and Dinner. MC to miss the upcoming Cross-Party Group, GW will attend. Secretariat support for the ILG is being sought. MC will step down as chair of the Governance and Medtech subgroups. GW to chair Governance and Eleanor Charsley, ABHI, to chair Medtech. Launch of ABHI Scotland 18 May.

### Ministerial Update – Minister for Business, Trade, Tourism and Enterprise

2. The recently published growth sector statistics are positive – 41,000 people with the latest turnover at £7.4bn.
3. Recent Ministerial life sciences engagements have included the Pharma Integrates Conference; Advanced Therapies Apprenticeship Community event for Scottish Apprenticeships Week; visit to Valneva with First Minister; visit to Inverness, including ODX and Corporate Health International and a tour of the Inverness Campus; the first A3 Conference in April. Other recent events included the launch of the National Strategy for Economic Transformation at the National Economic Forum; and several engagements as part of the FDI World Forum in Edinburgh, where there was huge interest in Scotland's performance in life sciences.
4. Referenced the update due from the Data and Digital Subgroup. There is a real opportunity here and need to get momentum behind this. Consultation is open for three months, encourage group members to participate.
5. Recently chaired the first meeting of the rUK Skills Attractions group. Life sciences sector is represented on this group, which aims to join up the different sectoral offers with the broader messages about Scotland being a great place to live and work.
6. Sector Export Plan is moving forward, with a focus on geographies and how to leverage our international footprint, make links, and maximise support for businesses large and small.
7. Global Capital Investment work is underway, and we will see fruition of that work soon.
8. On the Innovation Strategy, Jim McDonald co-chaired the first meeting where strategy will consider research at universities through to businesses and evidence-based decision making on the focus going forward.
9. Welcomed the establishment of the ABHI office.

### Ministerial Update – Minister for Public Health, Women's Health and Sport

10. Acknowledged the leadership from Dave Tudor of the ILG over the last few years, Professor David Crossman has left his position of Chief Scientist and the appointment is expected in the next few weeks.
11. The focus in NHS and Social Care continues to be COVID response and moving from response to recovery. The NHS Recovery Plan published last August commits to invest £9 million by the end of the 5-year plan. This ensures that innovation is embedded in the recovery. Along with the Data Strategy for Health and Social Care,

we are working to design a health service which is innovative, data driven and focuses on patient centered care.

12. The last few months have been some of the toughest of the whole pandemic, with April seeing the highest number of patients admitted with COVID during the whole pandemic.
13. On 7 July, Scottish Health and Industry Partnership (SHIP) will host an innovation event in Edinburgh. Mark Cook will chair the event which will be held in person and also broadcast online. SHIP have also launched the NHS Scotland Innovation Fellowship Programme which provides funding to groups who want to lead innovation programmes.
14. SHIP will be launching a series of innovation competitions this financial year, focused on the areas identified by the demand-signalling plan. These competitions will be advertised via Innovate UK and have around £500,000 allocated to each of them.
15. The Innovation Strategy is expected this summer, and the needs of the health system will be captured within that.

### **Discussion/Questions**

16. Universities and by extension cities can be a great conduit for attracting talent into the sector.
17. IM clarified the rUK Talent Attraction Group has a narrow focus, specifically on the issue of attracting rUK talent and higher value jobs, and what can be done to make a difference on that issue. The rUK work sits next to work on the wider migration approach to attracting international talent.

### **ACTIONS:**

- ABPI to follow up with AF to discuss invites for industry to the SHIP innovation event in July.
- SULSA to follow up with SG officials to discuss best way to feed into the rUK Talent Attraction group.
- Group to consider inviting the rUK Talent Attraction group to a future ILG meeting.

### **Strategy Refresh session**

Subgroups presented on current activity and a short life working group will be established to develop a refreshed strategy.

### **Internationalisation**

18. Work continues on the Sector Export Plan, with the objective of asking all parts of the industry where efforts should be focussed and what the next steps should be. Subgroup members met along with SDI, and representation from Glasgow Economic Leadership to consider the opportunities to grow exports over the next five years. Some new themes have appeared since the last life sciences strategy (2017), such as those related to COVID and Brexit. ATMP is now at the forefront, and access to supply chains.

19. Themes identified have been split into three areas – 1) Helping companies directly; 2) Sector-wide challenges such as skills, expansion, FDI, etc.; 3) Business environment, such as regulatory landscape, logistics, supply chain.
20. Importantly there is concurrency on skills and the need to triangulate and get input from SDI and SG to positively exploit opportunities.
21. SDI will be setting up consultations across subsectors, holding focus groups, and direct one-to-ones with companies. ABHI are also setting up a session which will feed into the sector export plan.
22. In terms of the overall LS strategy, there is a role for ILG working more closely together than we already do, across subsectors and themes.

#### **ACTIONS:**

- DB to circulate questions to members.

#### **Sustainable Production**

23. No one present from Sustainable Production subgroup. Discussion of the meaning and scope of sustainable production. Sustainability should run through every aspect of the life sciences strategy, and goes further than simply climate change issues, particularly in health and care. There are challenges in NHS around demand and capacity. Sustainable business practices and research should be included in the strategy.
24. There are projects within the NHS which need to be supported. Regarding medium- and longer-term tangible issues where our joint efforts are compromised, there is something we can do about this. The SG Innovation Strategy should be important in this, and solutions will come from industry working closely with health and social care.
25. Sustainability should include the sustainability of the health service, improving the lives of patients. Focus should continue to be around the triple helix, NHS, academia and industry.

#### **Innovation and Commercialisation**

26. No currently active subgroup for this theme, but elements of this theme have been covered by the discussion so far. Suggestion that this group should possibly be rebooted.
27. Public services are generally considered as totally discrete and separate from the private sector, businesses and profit. Consideration should be given to including promoting healthcare in every policy document, and conversely, including economic development and business growth in every health and care related strategy document.

#### **Business Environment**

28. Consideration should be given to young startups, and academic teams. Given the content of the last We Are Pioneer Group / Biocity report about how well Oxford and London are doing, how can this be emulated and create a virtuous circle.
29. Skills is an important part of the strategy. SDS are concluding a piece of research looking at the growth opportunities for the sector over the next 2 – 5 years, and the

main drivers of change. Anticipated increase in skills demand of around 7000 people over the next 5 years. Rest of UK is important, but how do we ensure that the skills pipeline continues to meet the needs of industry.

**ACTIONS:**

- To get skills at the forefront of the business environment (All)

**Data and Digital – George Crooks**

30. The action plan has been set out addressing the 7 priority areas in the report. CART-E subgroup is being used as a pathfinder initiative, about building datasets in a niche area. Action plan has not been formally launched as ensuring stakeholders will be receptive to the launch is recognised. The report is about recognising the current challenges and working together to move things forward.
31. Referenced recent meeting with Mr McKee to discuss the report. It was noted that strong political leadership, from both Ministers, will be essential to drive this forward. Dedicated people focused on the data and digital agenda, and key industry contacts, to ensure transformational change is required.

**Discussion/Questions**

32. Safe Havens are a key asset. NSS and academic institutions play a role in Safe havens – they do collaborate up to a point, but we need a single national approach to this.
33. IM acknowledged George's correspondence and a response will be issued.

**AOB**

34. To note Sarah Hunt will return to her role in September 2023.
35. The date of the next meeting is 6 September and the possibility of an in-person meeting will be considered.

**Date of next meeting: Tuesday 6 September, 9.00 – 11.00am Venue TBC**