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Supporting Medical Devices Clinical Research within the UK

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170 Queen's Gate, South Kensington, London SW7 5HF

Overview

An event hosted by the NIHR Clinical Research Network (CRN) with the London IVD Cooperative, to showcase how the UK's services to the Med Tech sector and research community can improve the evidence base for medical devices. This will be a forum for industry representatives, researchers and key national agencies to share information on the support available across the research pathway

Who should attend?

Industry representatives from medical device companies, Contract Research Organisations, clinical investigators and researchers

Programme

09:00-9:45	**Welcome drinks & refreshments**
09:45 - 09.55	**Opening address** Introduction to the meeting and expectations of what it hopes to achieve *Professor Des Johnston, NIHR CRN's Specialty Cluster Lead*
Strategic landscape, future opportunities and current needs	
09:55-10:15	**The role of the Accelerated Access Collaborative in improving patient access to innovations** Hear how work from Accelerated Access Collaborative (AAC) brings together leaders from across the healthcare landscape to drive the uptake and adoption of innovation within the health and care system by identifying and supporting the best new innovations that will be most promising for patients. *Professor the Lord Darzi of Denham, Chair of the AAC*
10:15-10:35	**Looking to the future: emerging opportunities from the bench-side** Update on the latest developments in materials research that have the potential to transform care in the future. *Professor Molly Stevens, Imperial College*
10:35-10:45	**Understanding the support needs of the medical technology sector** Overview of key themes regarding the support needs of the Med Tech sector for devices research. *London IVD Cooperative*
10:45-11:05	*Refreshment break & networking*

Infrastructure support for Med Tech Research	
11:05-11:20	**The NIHR supporting you along the road to market** An overview of support available from the NIHR, including support for companies and innovators to develop the clinical evidence required to support uptake and adoption *Dr Ivana Poparic, Senior Business Development Manager, NIHR Office for Clinical Research Infrastructure (NOCRI)*
11:20-11:35	**NIHR CRN Study Support Service** An overview of the NIHR CRN's Study Support Service which helps researchers and the life sciences industry plan, set up and delivers high quality research to time and target in both the NHS and the wider health and social care environment, across England. *Dr Sarah Cooper, Business Development Manager, NIHR CRN*
11:35-11:50	**Case study: Imperial College Academic Health Science Centre and Imperial College Health Partners AHSN** Overview of the Imperial College Academic Health Science Centre and Imperial College Health Partners AHSN *Dr Angela Cooper, Director of External Partnerships, Imperial College*
11:50-12:05	**Case study: Tookie Ltd. Research** *Mr Stephen Tooke, Commercial Director*
12:05-13:15	**Lunch & networking**
Sources of funding support for Med Tech sector	
13:15-13:30	**Innovate UK: working with companies to de-risk, enable and support innovation** Hear from Innovate UK on programmes of support for the med tech sector. *Dr Penny Wilson, Innovative UK*
13:30-13:45	**Funding schemes for Med Tech** Hear from NIHR i4i on funding schemes for medical devices research *Dr Sandra Nwokeoha, Senior Programme Manager in Innovations*
13:45-13:55	Q&A

Evidence requirements and approvals	
13:55-14:10	**Med Tech evaluation and HealthTech Connect** Hear from the Medical Technologies Evaluation Programme at NICE on requirements for evaluation and sources of support *Mr Paul Dimmock, Technical Adviser*
14:10-14:25	**Clinical investigations under the MDR** Requirements for clinical investigations under the MDR *Ms Daniella Smolenska, Regulatory Affairs Manager at the MHRA*
14:25-14:40	**Requirements for HRA Approval for medical devices research** Processes for gaining approval to conduct medical devices research in the NHS *Dr Paul Mills, Research Regulation Specialist, HRA*
14:40-14:50	Q&A
14:50-15:10	Refreshments & networking
Panel Discussion	
15:10-15:55	**Panel Discussion – how can we work together to develop the evidence base?** *Chair: Doris-Ann Williams MBE, Chief Executive, BIVDA.* This session will provide an opportunity for attendees to raise questions with the panel and enter into a dialogue about how the NIHR and other agencies can work with industry and researchers to support a flourishing environment to develop the evidence base for medical devices for the benefit of patients and industry
15:55-16:00	**Closing remarks**
16:00-17:00	**Refreshments and networking**