

Medical Quarter launch at health summit

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Experts from Birmingham Health Partners will be among the high-profile speakers at the inaugural Life Science Summit in Birmingham on March 18 and 19.

Birmingham Health Partners, which brings together clinical, scientific and academic excellence from the University of Birmingham and the University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Trust, was established in November 2011 to advance medical research and improve patient outcomes.

The summit will incorporate the launch of the Edgbaston Medical Quarter – which provides a focus on and recognition of the world-class medical and healthcare provision the Birmingham Health Partners and the wider Birmingham area has to offer.

Supported by pioneering businesses, academics and clinicians in the city, the 12.5km² Quarter will be managed and promoted by life science specialist **Medilink WM** (<http://www.medilinkwm.co.uk>). It will feature an Institute of Translational Medicine: a unique collaboration between University Hospitals Birmingham and the University of Birmingham to bring together academic and research excellence.

The summit will feature keynote sessions and workshop themes, including:

- An update on the Office of Life Science Strategy
- Translating research into business
- Academic Health Science Networks – changing the way academia, industry and the NHS engage
- Marketing the Business of Healthcare
- Incubation and start up for life science business
- Evidence based innovation
- Trauma medicines and technologies – the opportunities for industry

Birmingham Health Partners speakers include Tim Jones, Executive Director of Delivery; Professor Charles Craddock, Centre for Clinical Haematology; Dr Paul Cockwell, Consultant Nephrologist and Tony Belli, Reader in Neurotrauma.

The summit, at Edgbaston Stadium, is free to attend and provides a unique opportunity to network and do business with over 250 delegates each day. For more information on attending the event or for details on exhibition and sponsorship opportunities, please contact Lucy Watkins on 0121 452 5630 or email LucyW@MedilinkWM.co.uk (<mailto:LucyW@MedilinkWM.co.uk>)

Notes to Editors

Birmingham Health Partners (BHP) is a landmark joint working agreement between the University of Birmingham and University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust. Established in November 2011, it enhances the longstanding working relationship between the two institutions and enables patients to benefit from new therapies delivered by expert clinicians working alongside top research scientists and world-leading clinical trials teams. www.birminghamhealthpartners.co.uk (<http://www.birminghamhealthpartners.co.uk>)

Based at the new Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham, BHP will fuel collaborative projects in key research areas including cancer, immunology and infection, experimental medicine and chronic disease, and is intended to strengthen and develop the global reputations of both the University and the Trust

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