Programme

Day 1 - Thursday 8th October 2026					
Time:	**Item:**	**Session**			
08:00	**Registration opens**				
08:45	**Welcome and housekeeping – Professor David Jayne and Vee Mapunde HRC Co-Directors**				
09:00	**Opening Remarks**	Professor Nick Plant FRSB Pro-Vice-Chancellor: Research & Innovation, Professor of Systems Biology University of Leeds Professor Michael Lewis, Scientific Director for Innovation NIHR Programme Director SBRI Healthcare & i4i University of Birmingham Medical School			
09:30	**Artificial Intelligence (AI) Tools and Data**	**Keynote: Lawrence Tallon, Chief Executive of Medicines & Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency MHRA** - Professor Darren Treanor, Consultant Pathologist, Honorary Clinical Professor, Leeds Teaching Hospital NHS Trust - Philip White, Founder & Managing Director, Audacia - Professor Michael Lewis, Scientific Director for Innovation NIHR Programme Director SBRI Healthcare & i4i University of Birmingham Medical School - Professor Muthu Ramachandran, Principal research Consultant, Forti5 Technologies Ltd - *Followed by fireside chat with presenters on challenges and opportunities for big data integration*			
11:00	**Coffee and Networking**				
11:30	**Breakout Session** SPOC-TRC Session - Surgery at the edge of the envelope: Bringing uterine transplantation to the UK	**Breakout Session** New Technologies for Computer/Robot Assisted Surgery	**Breakout Session** The MediPath Innovation Roadmap™ MedTech Innovation Without the Guesswork De-risking Development • Accelerating Commercialisation • Maximising Value	**Breakout Session** Yorkshire MedTech (PBIAA) Session - Exploring routes to market for medical devices	**Breakout Session** The Constellation of Success: Why Great MedTech Still Fails to Scale
11:30	**Health Economic Clinics – Private Dining Room** **Attendance by registration only – register your interest HERE**				
12:30 **Showcase Session**	Showcase from HRC Themes on current collaborations **Surgical Observatory** – When Innovation meets Reality: Why System Readiness Matters for Surgical Care. **SUSTAIN –** Driving Sustainable and Resilient Healthcare Through Innovation				
13:00	**LUNCH – Networking and exhibition stands**				
14:00	**Robotics**	**Keynote: – Professor Michael Lewis, Scientific Director for Innovation NIHR Programme Director SBRI Healthcare & i4i University of Birmingham Medical School**			

		- Mark Slack, Co-Founder & Chief Medical Officer CMR Surgical - Professor David Beard Professor of Musculoskeletal & Surgical Sciences, University of Oxford - Dr Bruno Scaglioni, R & D Director Atlas Endoscopy Ltd - Professor Pietro Valdastri, Professor and Chair in Robotics and Autonomous Systems, University of Leeds - Richard Philips, Executive Director, Policy and Partnerships, ABHI *Followed by fireside chat with presenters on challenges and opportunities for surgical care*
15:30	**Coffee and Networking**	

16:00	**Breakout Session** NIHR Surgery & Perioperative Care (SPOC) Translation Research (TRC) - What Makes Device Innovation Succeed? Optimising Evaluation Before Scale-Up	**Breakout Session** National MedTech Foundation - The Next Generation of Health-Tech Leaders	**Breakout Session** Innovate in SUSTAIN: Co-designing Surgical Sustainability Projects	**Breakout Session** Digital Inclusion in HealthTech: Real-world Insights from Holbeck Together	**Breakout Session** Yorkshire MedTech Pant Based Impact Accelerator (PBIAA) Session - Securing funding for your spin-out or start-up: From Seed to Series B
16:00	**Health Economic Clinics – Private Dining Room** **Attendance by registration only – Register your interest HERE**				
17:15	**Close**	Day 1 Closing remarks			

Day 2- Friday 8^{9h} October 2026		
Time:	**Item:**	**Session**
09:00	**Welcome and opening remarks**	Dr Ai Lyn Tan, Associate Professor, Medical Director (Research and Innovation), Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust
09:15	**Wearables and Predictive Analytics (inc diagnostics)**	**Keynote: Professor Jonathan Benger, Chief Executive NICE** - Dr Mike Odling-Smee, Co-Founder & Director Aire Innovate - Dr Alwyn Kotze, Perioperative Lead, Leeds Teaching Hospital NHS Trust - Dr Niall Keenan OBE, Consultant Cardiologist and Divisional Director for Medicine, West Herts Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust and and Honorary Clinical Senior Lecturer at Imperial College, London - Mr James Kinross, Consultant Colorectal Surgeon Senior Lecturer in colorectal Surgery, Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust - Hannah Roden, Technology Enabled Care Service Development Manager, Adult Health & Social Care, Leeds City Council *Followed by fireside chat with presenters on challenges and opportunities for communities and care providers*
10:30	**Coffee and networking**	

11:00	**Breakout Session** Prototype to Practice – can academics help super	**Breakout Session** Lab to Clinic: The University of Leeds	**Breakout Session** From Innovation to Impact: Supporting	**Breakout Session** Why 85% HealthTech Startups Fail — And How to Beat the Odds

	charge the route to adoption?	Pipeline for HealthTech Innovation	HealthTech Innovation to Scale in the NHS	
11:00	**Health Economic Clinics – Private Dining Room** **Attendance by registration only – Register your interest HERE**			
12:00	**Industry HealthTech Showcase**	Showcase from industry of technologies that require development, funding or evaluation collaboration. • **Meet NOVA the BodyBot** • **Brandon Medical** • **Adcelpius MedTech Ltd** • **Pd-m**		
13:00	**LUNCH – Networking and exhibition stands**			
14:00	**Breakout Session** Performance Evaluation and Post-Market Surveillance for Medical Devices	**Breakout Session** One Network, Fourteen Centres: Navigating HealthTech Support Across the HRC Network	**Breakout Session** EMRI Network - Inclusive by Design: Embedding Cultural Awareness in Health Technology	**Breakout Session** From Idea to Impact: Lessons from the Leeds Innovation Pop Up
14:00	**Health Economic Clinics – Private Dining Room** **Attendance by Registration only – Register your interst HERE**			
15:00	**Q& A**	**Working with the HRC & Funding Opportunities; HRC Theme Leads** Professor Helen Hughes is a Chartered Occupational Psychologist, and Professor of Organisational Psychology, University of Leeds Professor Hemant Pandit, Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon, Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust Professor Deborah Stocken, NIHR Research Professor, Deputy Director for Research, Leeds Institute of Clinical Trials Research, University of Leeds Mr Ryan Mathew, Associate Professor and Honorary Consultant Neurosurgeon, University of Leeds Mr Adam Peckham-Cooper, Consultant in General Surgery, Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHs Trust Dr Kerry Davies MBE, Consultant Clinical Scientist – Infections, University of Leeds, NIHR Biomedical Research Centre (BRC) Leeds Dr Armando Vargas-Palacios, Associate Professor in Health Economics, University of Leeds Stephanie Read, Principal Specialist, Regulatory & Commercialisation, Medilink North of England		
16:00	**CLOSING REMARKS**			