

North East Local Enterprise Partnership Job Description

Job Title:	Programme Lead: Health and Life Sciences
Service:	North East Local Enterprise Partnership (North East LEP)
Responsible To:	Senior Management Team, North East Local Enterprise Partnership
Host Employer:	North East Combined Authority
Salary:	tbc Offered initially for 2 years with the possibility of extension subject to funding.

Background

The North East LEP leads on the development and delivery of the North East Strategic Economic Plan (SEP), aiming to foster economic growth and the delivery of more and better jobs in the area.

The area hosts a diverse health and life sciences community which includes:

- an established cluster of Pharmaceutical manufacturers
- leading science and research in our Universities of national and international standing
- a number of innovative small and medium sized enterprises
- a number of innovation hubs and facilities, key business networks and a strong public health care system

Work with the Health and Life Sciences Steering Group has identified a series of opportunities to:

- build on distinctive areas of regional competitive advantage to strengthen the cluster through local growth and inward investment
- co-ordinate the areas assets to strengthen the North East's profile, enhance co-ordination between partners in the region and beyond, and deliver investment from national programmes and private sources
- improve the local environment to support business growth, by shaping the skills, property and business support offer and identifying opportunities to resource projects
- ensure that the health, life sciences and pharmaceuticals community can benefit from wider developments in the region

Purpose of the role

The North East Local Enterprise Partnership is seeking to recruit a Programme Lead for Health and Life Sciences to join its Executive Team to take the lead in working with partners to drive forward a strategic programme aligned with the North East Strategic Economic Plan and the Industrial Strategy. The programme will aim to deliver business growth and higher levels of employment in health and life sciences in the region.

The post is partly resourced with money secured from the Office of Life Sciences through the Academic Health Science Network which aims to strengthen business engagement with the public health system and partly from the Centre for Process Innovation which is a key partner to the LEP in the development of the overall Health and Life Sciences programme. In recognition of this investment, a part of the time of the postholder will include support for priority projects identified in the Life Sciences Steering Group workplan led by these two organisations, for example:

- With the AHSN to help develop a proposal for support for a Clinical Skills Centre and promote the Great North Care Record.
- With CPI to support the development of the Smart Med project

Main Responsibilities

1. To co-ordinate and support the work of the Life Sciences Steering Group, ensuring that partner organisations are actively engaged in the work of the group and that collaboration is encouraged
2. To maintain strong relationships on behalf of the LEP with the wider Health and Life Sciences community and to identify how LEP action can help deliver the aims set out in the SEP
3. To develop regional and national awareness of the North East health and life sciences strengths and opportunities, building a clear and visible narrative about the North East's future role in the UK Industrial strategy in this sector
4. To work with the LEP Strategy and Analysis team to ensure that the economic evidence base remains fresh and to take action to improve the LEP's knowledge base as required
5. To develop a strategic programme of activity with the Life Sciences Steering Group to strengthen the understanding of the key opportunities and challenges for the region and to support the development of propositions, options and approaches to address them and the delivery of key programmes.
6. Through LEP Programme leads and working with regional and national contacts, to strengthen the alignment of key delivery programmes in innovation, skills and business growth, inward investment and funding to the needs and opportunities of the health and life sciences community in the region,
7. To work with partners to construct, a pipeline of priority propositions for investment from public and private sources
8. To take forward proposals for investment, including both more strategic longer term propositions and immediate wins. A priority for early attention will be the potential of the Great North Care Record
9. To undertake other duties commensurate with this grade as directed by the LEP Senior Management team.