

Life Sciences Week 2026 | Programme

Speakers already confirmed include senior representatives from **AstraZeneca, Pfizer, Google, Glenmark Pharmaceuticals, SAH Diagnostics**, the **BioIndustry Association**, **Alzheimer's Research UK**, the **NHS**, **University of Birmingham**, with more to be announced.

TIME	TYPE	SESSION TITLE & DESCRIPTION
SESSION I – WHERE WE STAND		
09:30 – 10:15	Introductory Panel	Introductory Panel: The Honest Conversation – Where Are We Really? Expert panel on what's working, what's stalling, and what needs to change. Includes a dedicated segment: is the UK moving fast enough on AI adoption compared to the US and China?
10:15 – 10:30	Welcome	Official Welcome & Opening Address Setting the stakes. Why this week, why now, why Birmingham.
10:130– 11:00	Keynote	Keynote: The UK's Defining Decade A frank assessment of where UK life sciences sits globally – the strengths to build on and the fault lines that need fixing.
11:00 – 11:15	Break	Break & Exhibition Comfort break, Exhibition Hall & Networking
SESSION II – AI, SCIENCE, AND THE NEW DISCOVERY ENGINE		
11:15 – 11:50	AI Spotlight	AI Spotlight: From Hypothesis to Molecule – How AI is Rewriting Drug Discovery The dedicated AI session. A deep dive into how foundation models, generative AI, and agentic systems are compressing timelines from target identification to clinical candidate. What's real, what's hype, and what it means for the UK's R&D pipeline.
11:50 – 12:30	Panel	Panel: From Discovery to Impact – Closing the Translation Gap Why promising science still struggles to reach patients – and whether AI changes the equation. Regulators, clinicians, and industry on fixing the pipeline and the new risks AI introduces alongside the opportunities.
12:30 – 13:20	Lunch	Lunch & Networking Lunch & Exhibitor Hall. Sponsor and delegate engagement.

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SESSION III – DATA, PEOPLE, AND NEW TECH IN PRACTICE		
13:20 – 13:50	Panel	Keynote: The NHS Data Opportunity – Turning Assets into Outcomes The UK holds a unique asset in NHS data. What it takes to combine that with AI to generate real-world evidence, improve patient outcomes, and create genuine commercial opportunity – without compromising trust.
13:50 – 14:30	Panel	Panel: AI and the New Commercial Playbook: How Pharma Goes to Market Now From AI-powered launch strategies and next-best-action sales models to real-time market access and payer intelligence. How leading pharma organisations are rebuilding their commercial engines around AI, and what the UK opportunity looks like.
14:30 – 14:45	Break	Break & Exhibition Afternoon refreshments. Exhibitor Hall.
SESSION IV – CAPITAL, COMMITMENT, AND WHAT COMES NEXT		
14:45 – 15:10	Panel	Panel: Making the UK the Destination for Life Sciences Investment The investment case, the cluster story, and what the UK needs to do to win in a fiercely competitive global landscape.
15:10 – 15:50	Panel	Panel: Co-create or Compete: Pharma and Tech at the Same Table As AI companies build deeper into drug discovery and commercial execution, pharma faces a defining strategic choice. Pharma leaders, tech executives, and investors on co-development models, licensing structures, IP questions, and what genuine partnership actually looks like in practice.
15:50 – 16:35	Fireside	Closing Fireside: The Decade Ahead A headline conversation with a major figure from the intersection of AI and life sciences – looking beyond the current cycle to what the sector could look like in a decade, and the choices made today that get us there.
16:35 – 17:00	Closing	Call to Action & Close Commitments from the stage. Preview of the week ahead. Transition to networking.

***Some sessions and timings may be subject to change prior to conference day**