

# Bionow Newsletter



## Bionow News & Events

The latest Bionow News and upcoming Events



## Bionow is Delighted to Welcome Five New Members

We look forward to working with: **BMG Labtech, Assymchem, ABHSC, Ovagen Group and H.I.H Solutions**

Our members are at the heart of what we do and by joining Bionow and working together we can achieve more. Bionow members have access to a fantastic range of benefits and services to assist with being globally competitive, delivering world class innovation and inspiring the next generation. Become part of our community!

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### Meet the Member: **CY Partners Ltd**

As a Science Recruitment Consultancy, CY Partners provide you with a dedicated and specialist recruitment partnership. With a focus on Chemicals, Biotech, Pharma,



MedTech and related Life-Science communities, our bespoke approach of working with scientific professional talent is designed to meet your staffing challenges, or career goals.

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## 2021 Bionow Awards Dinner RESCHEDULED

**NEW DATE: Thursday 31st March 2022**

**Don't miss out!** Invite your colleagues and clients along for an unforgettable evening dining beneath the iconic Concorde which takes pride of place in the super hangar.

The prestigious Bionow Awards Dinner is a highlight of the life sciences calendar and celebrating the achievements of the life science sector. This black tie event showcases the very best of this world class sector.

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## Introducing Will Burton as the new Business Development Assistant at Bionow

Will is responsible for maintaining and improving the current Bionow member experience by identifying opportunities for collaboration and expanding our already successful business support network.

**Get in touch with Will** to find a solution to meet your needs and help your business succeed.

[Contact Will](#)

## Innovate UK, NIHR (i4i programme and AI in Health and Care Award) and SBRI Healthcare's Investment Readiness



Innovate  
UK

NIHR | National Institute  
for Health Research



## Programme are seeking applicants from their portfolios

**CLOSING DATE: FRIDAY 4TH FEBRUARY 2022**

Innovate UK, the National Institute of Health Research (NIHR; i4i programme and AI in Health and Care Award) and the Small Business Research Initiative (SBRI) Healthcare have joined forces to offer specialist support to companies within their portfolios, from across the UK, via their Investment Readiness Programme. The programme will support selected companies to gain additional skills and expertise to get them prepared to find and attract investment.

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## The Research and Innovation Health Accelerator

SMEs are invited to collaborate with Greater Manchester's research and innovation institutions to accelerate development and improve commercialisation of innovative healthcare products and services within life sciences. SMEs will be able to access expertise and support including information about navigating the health and care system, developing value propositions, ethics & regulatory advice and access to university-wide expertise.

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## Biotech & Beers (Newcastle) Bealim House

**Thursday 3rd February 2022**

**Biotech & Beers** is back, so blow away those January blues as you are welcome to come and join us for an evening of networking

Join Bionow for an agenda-free networking evening which provides opportunities for key people from companies working in or with the life sciences sector to network and

socialise with their peers in an informal setting over a drink or two.

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## **Biotech & Beers (Liverpool) Fredricks**

**Thursday 10th February 2022**

Taking place after the **Growing Innovation and Investment for Pandemic Resilience** Event!

Join Bionow once again in a real bar for an informal networking evening for key people in the life sciences sector to socialise over drinks.

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## **2022 BioInfect Conference Alderley Park Conference Centre**

**Wednesday 9th March 2022**

Antimicrobial resistance is one of the biggest public health challenges of our time and fighting this serious threat is a priority that requires a collaborative approach across all sectors. BioInfect will look at the critical issues relating to the development of new anti-infectives, the endemic problem of resistance and the considerations for creating a truly global and effective response to antimicrobial resistance.

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## **Bionow Life Sciences Careers Fair Online Event**

**Tuesday 15th March 2022**

**Which career path will you choose?**

Back by popular demand the Bionow Online Careers Fair returns in Spring 2022 and is designed to help inform university under-graduates, graduates and post-graduates about the vast array of career paths available in Life Sciences.

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If you would like to be involved with Bionow Events we would **love to hear from you.**

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## News

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## POLYPHOTONIX

### PolyPhotonix secures multimillion pound us investment and strategic alliance for sight saving mask

PolyPhotonix Limited, developer of a patented noninvasive treatment for diabetic retinopathy, has entered a global strategic alliance with Prevail InfoWorks, Inc. to lead management of FDA regulated human clinical trials of PolyPhotonix's Noctura 400 Sleep Mask.

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### Cheshire-based life sciences startup Cryoniss secures £500,000 investment from NPIF – Maven

Cheshire-based life sciences startup Cryoniss is targeting accelerated domestic and international growth after securing a £500,000 investment from NPIF – Maven Equity Finance, managed by Maven Capital Partners and part of the Northern Powerhouse Investment Fund (NPIF).

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## **Cambrex celebrates its 40th anniversary while Investing over \$100 million in new drug substance manufacturing capacity**

Cambrex recently celebrated the 40th anniversary of its founding in 1981. Following forty years of growth and transformation into a leading global contract development and manufacturing organization (CDMO), Cambrex continues its commitment to leadership in pharmaceutical drug substance manufacturing with over \$100 million of investments in progress across its global manufacturing network.

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## **Iksuda Therapeutics deepens clinical pipeline through licensing agreement for Her2 antibody drug conjugate programme from LegoChem Biosciences**

Iksuda Therapeutics announces further expansion of its ADC pipeline through a license and commercialisation agreement with LegoChem Biosciences (LCB), a Korean biopharmaceutical company.

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## **Charles River integrates cell and gene therapy acquisitions to enhance end-to-end offering for developers**

In March 2021, Cobra and Cognate officially joined the Charles River family and in January 2022, they launched the rebranding of their businesses into Charles River, also adding their online content and information to a new home on criver.com.

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## Acquisition will further strengthen Quay offering

The deal will provide Quay Pharma with the investment to further grow its extensive range of services and capabilities in the support of clients through the various stages of pharmaceutical clinical development, from pre-clinical to formulation, dosage form design and optimisation, as well as clinical trial manufacture and supply.

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## Fujifilm Diosynth Biotechnologies confirms £400 million investment plans to create the largest multi-modal biopharmaceutical manufacturing site in the UK

FUJIFILM Diosynth Biotechnologies, a world leading contract development and manufacturing organisation (CDMO) for biologics, viral vaccines and viral vectors, has confirmed a £400 million planned investment package at its UK facility in Billingham, Teesside.

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## Infex scientists achieve breakthrough with potential new drug for Omicron and new coronavirus strains

One of the UK's leading infectious disease biotech companies has announced a breakthrough in laboratory trials of a new drug to treat COVID-19 and new variants of the disease, such as the Omicron variant.

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The  
University  
Of  
Sheffield.

### Would your organisation like to engage with our School of Biosciences students in Semester 2?

The University of Sheffield School of Biosciences is currently looking for employers to participate in mock interview and/or mock assessment centre activities with their students as part of core employability modules for second year students during Semester 2.

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**University of  
Sunderland**

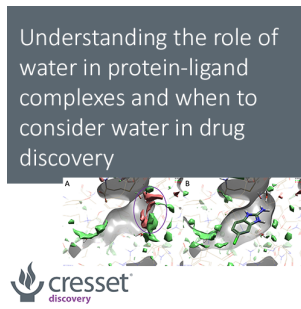
### First look inside University of Sunderland's new medical centre upon completion

Work on the University of Sunderland's new multi-million pound facility to help train the next generation of medical professionals is now complete.

A year in the making, the Cadaveric centre based on City Campus, further enhances the facilities at Sunderland's School of Medicine, launched in 2018, providing a "great future for the teaching of anatomy".

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## Understanding the role of water in protein-ligand complexes and when to consider water in drug discovery

Cresset Discovery has a large team of computational scientists who have the skill and experience to run detailed water analyses. By gathering valuable information from a protein structure we help you understand the role of water in a binding site and how this information can be used to rationally design ligands, explain changes in binding affinity, and in some cases adjust function e.g., from agonist to antagonist, or influence selectivity.

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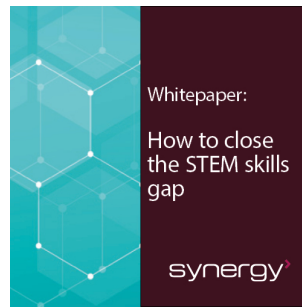


## Whitepaper: The challenges and opportunities transforming the MedTech sector

Recent data analysis by Tech Nation, shows that UK tech business boomed in 2020 — with almost 20,000 new business births, the equivalent of one every half an hour, and a record-breaking year for VC investment.

Looking to 2021, jobs have bounced back to pre-pandemic levels and there is a flurry of activity in the sector as more organisations put digital at the heart of their strategy.

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## Whitepaper: How to close the STEM skills gap

As the Fourth Industrial Revolution evolves, global trends and emerging technologies are driving the need for new skills across STEM.

This is even more evident in the fact that while 54% of STEM workers in the UK say there's a skills shortage at work, less than half actively take up reskilling opportunities.

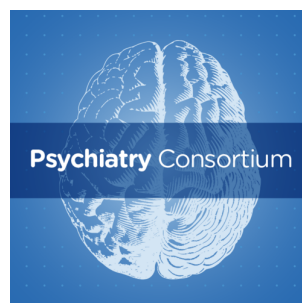
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## Lancaster University joins forces with British biomedical firm ViraCorp to create 'vaccine for the world'

A new partnership between Lancaster University and biomedical firm ViraCorp has been launched to develop a unique nasal COVID-19 vaccine which attacks the virus at its entry point into the body.

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## Medicine Discovery Catapult's Psychiatry Consortium announces new international collaboration to tackle depression

The University of Trento and the University of Bologna are collaborating with global pharmaceutical companies including, Biogen Inc, Janssen Pharmaceutica NV and Merck

Sharp and Dohme Corp. in a new Psychiatry Consortium project that will seek to define a new pharmacological approach to treat depression.

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### **Making the most of R&D support**

Dr Joanna Thurston, partner and patent attorney at Withers & Rogers, explains why now is the time for life sciences companies to innovate.

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### **Northumbria's vision for improving treatments for Parkinson's disease**

Dr Sam Stuart, a senior researcher in the Department of Sport, Exercise and Rehabilitation at Northumbria, is working with American company, Senaptec, an industry leader in the design and production of sensory performance assessment.

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**£1.6m study aims to understand why COVID-19 vaccines can lead to rare instances of blood clotting with low platelets**

The vast majority of people who experience a side effect from COVID-19 vaccination have only mild reactions lasting for two or three days. However, in March 2021 reports of small numbers of people being admitted to hospital predominantly after the AZ vaccine with what could potentially be a very rare side effect of vaccination began to emerge. These people had blood clots in the major veins in the brain, abdomen, or elsewhere in the body, but at the same time a low level of platelets – which are responsible for clotting – in the blood.

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## Job Opportunities

## Corporate Patron and Sponsors



### Events

Upcoming Sector Events



### Advanced Therapy Webinar and Partnering Opportunity in Japan



**Date: Friday 28th January**  
**Digital Event**

LINK-J is organising an on-line event featuring live presentations and pre-arranged 1-1 partnering meetings in the



### The International Rare Disease Showcase



**Date: 1st – 3rd February**  
**Digital Event**

Our Rare Disease Showcase Series, now in its sixth year, is a celebration of innovative rare disease projects across

Advanced Therapy area on 28 January 2022 (Japan time – 9 hours ahead of UK).

the UK, and far beyond.

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### Alderley Park Breakfast & Tour

### Pre-Accelerator Virtual Workshop

**bruntwood**  
SciTech



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**Date: Tuesday 8th February**

**Venue: Alderley Park, Cheshire**

**Date: 7th - 9th February**

**Digital Event**

An intense two and a half day workshop suitable for anyone wishing to learn the tools and techniques to explore their own life science start-up business idea, or to stress test their current company product, services, and business model. The best of these participants will be invited to apply for the 8-week Alderley Park Accelerator programme, to explore their concept more deeply and with dedicated coaching support.

Interested in all that Alderley Park has to offer for your business? Join us for a tour and explore the world leading science and technology campus. Whether you're a life science or technology business, find out how Bruntwood SciTech can support your business to grow and thrive.

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