





## Partner Snapshot: Impact Data Metrics

**Impact Data Metrics is a Bionow Preferred Partner for UK Life Science Sector Business Intelligence.**

Created by Impact Data Metrics, IDM Life Sciences provides the first accurate and current view of business activity in the sector. It is designed to overcome limitations that have long made it difficult to get a true picture of the sector, with even UK Government reports containing inaccurate, incomplete and out-of-date information.

The web-based application uses IDM's proprietary machine-learning/AI technologies to overcome well-known deficiencies in the data sources that currently underpin sector summaries. For example, IDM Life Sciences makes use of the company's proprietary Business Premises database that describes the actual operating locations of businesses across the UK rather than simply registered offices.

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## Meet the Member: Onyx Health

At Onyx Health we specialise in pharmaceutical and medical marketing communications that build corporate and brand reputation, increase engagement, and promote sales. We do this by fusing medical science with creativity, building authentic communication campaigns to engage healthcare audiences across multiple platforms. Our aim is to put your products and services in front of the right customers and decision makers, by personalising visual and written content that resonates with their knowledge, experience and curiosity.

**Our markets: Pharmaceuticals | Biotechnology |  
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## Bionow Event Survey



### **Got a spare minute?**

Please take some time out to fill in our quick survey which will help us gain a better understanding of what's important to you when it comes to our events. This will also help us focus on your needs and ultimately make our future events more tailored to you!

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### **Putting AMR on the agenda at BioInfect 2023**

Seeing a fantastic turnout for 2023, this year's BioInfect event was back at Alderley Park on 1st February, with a record 200 delegates, 20 exhibitors, 12 poster abstracts and 28 speakers from 21 companies coming together to tackle the ever-present global issue of antimicrobial resistance (AMR) and discuss what can be done to raise awareness, drive innovation and incentivise R&D in this area.



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## Introducing the 2022 Bionow Awards Shortlist!

It was another great year for nominations for the Bionow Awards, with two brand new categories for 2022!

The standard was as high as ever and certainly didn't make the judging panel's job easy! We would like to thank everyone who entered, there were strong contenders across the board.

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## Pitching & Pizza @ Nexus Nexus, Leeds

**Wednesday 8th March 2023**

Bionow and Nexus will be co-hosting a Pitching & Pizza networking event for companies operating in the life science and biomedical sector.

The event is not only a great opportunity to present to the life science and biomedical community but also gives companies a unique chance to hear about the latest technologies and innovations available from some of the leading companies in the North.

**The event will start with registration at 4pm with pitching (each pitch to last 90 seconds max) from 4.20pm. Pizza and refreshments will be available from 5pm.**

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## Bionow Life Sciences Careers Fair Online

**Tuesday 14th March 2023**

**Which career path will you choose?**

Back by popular demand the Bionow Online Careers Fair returns in Spring 2023 and is designed to help inform university under-graduates, graduates and post-graduates about the vast array of career paths available in Life Sciences.

With opportunities across the Biomedical and Pharmaceutical sectors and beyond, with companies large and small, spin-outs and start-ups, which path will you take?

This event is free to attend for all students of universities that are Bionow members and sponsors as we bring companies from different sections of the Bionow community together to highlight the opportunities and career paths available in the sector. This is an opportunity for students to come to as much or as little of the event as they wish, sampling a vast array of career paths this sector offers.

**The event will be on Zoom and will run from 9.30am to 4.20pm.**

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**2022 Bionow Annual Awards Dinner  
Concorde Conference Centre**

**Thursday 16th March 2023**

Don't miss out on attending - invite your colleagues and clients for an unforgettable evening dining beneath the iconic Concorde, which takes pride of place in the super hangar. Let's mark this celebration in style, pop open the champagne and take our hats off to all dedicated companies and individuals.

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

The evening will start at 18.30 with a drinks reception followed by dinner at 19.30, the awards ceremony and networking.

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## **Empowering Women in Biotech Charnwood Campus**

**Tuesday 18th April 2023**

This event aims to bring together like-minded individuals working in the biotech and life science sector, and women looking to pursue a career in this industry.

We will have talks from inspirational women in the industry on topics ranging from leadership and the visibility of women in biotech, investment opportunities available, and ways to connect with one another.

**This is an inclusive event and all are welcome!**

**Tickets are FREE and available via the link below.**

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## **Yorkshire Bio-Partnering 2023 University of Bradford**

**Tuesday 25th April 2023**

Yorkshire Bio-Partnering is a one-day event at the University of Bradford city campus.

Join businesses and scientists in this one-of-a-kind in-person meeting showcasing the benefits of industry-academic collaboration and sharing of funding strategies from experts in the region.

**Registration is from 8.30 with the welcome address at 9.15. A drinks reception will follow the event from 16.30 onwards.**

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## Industrial partners required for mathematics student projects

The Mathematics Department at the University of York is looking for industrial partners to provide projects for final year mathematics undergraduates. These projects are carried out at the University with an academic supervisor providing mathematical expertise.

There is no financial cost to the external partner and these projects can produce useful, even publishable results.

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## Festival of Apprenticeships: Careers Roadshow

**Manchester Metropolitan University**

**Tuesday 4th July 2023**

The Festival of Apprenticeships is a roadshow exhibition promoting and celebrating all things apprenticeships. More than just a careers fair or conference, the event is a one-stop shop for anyone looking to find out more about apprenticeships. From discovering local opportunities by meeting organisations first-hand, through to guidance on how to apply for and make the most of an apprenticeship, the festival will cover all!

With top employers and learning providers highlighting their

talent and promoting opportunities to future apprentices, the event will serve as a showcase of excellence in the sector!

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## **Seda wins UK Life Sciences Innovator 2023 award**

Following a rigorous application process, we are proud to announce that Seda have been selected as the UK Life Sciences Innovator Winner 2023 in the Application, Product & Service Design Category. The Life Sciences Innovator Showcase is a community of UK companies bringing innovative solutions to the life sciences sector. The Showcase is sponsored by the UK's Department for International Trade (DIT), specialising in helping overseas companies set up and invest in the UK and assisting UK companies to succeed in global trade.

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## **Join the UK Pavilion at the BIO International Convention 2023**

Going to BIO this year? Register your interest now to exhibit on the UK Pavilion. Read on to learn more about other opportunities to participate in the convention.

From 5th - 8th June 2023, top decision makers from up to 75 countries will descend on Boston to attend the annual BIO International Convention with around 14,000 attendees from across the globe.

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## **Bruntwood SciTech launches UK-wide support network for life sciences sector**

The Biospheric Network will support customers within Bruntwood SciTech's network of more than 500 businesses, based across innovation districts in cities including Manchester, Birmingham, Cambridge and Cheshire's Alderley Park.



As the UK's leading property provider dedicated to the growth of the science and technology sector, Bruntwood SciTech has launched the network which will see established entrepreneurs and senior executives provide funded growth-oriented support - including business consultancy, deep sector-specialised networking, and access to finance - to some of the most promising businesses in the life science sector.

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## **Business boost for north-west biotechnology start-ups**

The new Biotech Business Incubation Centre (Bio BIC) is a collaboration between UK Research and Innovation's:

- Science and Technology Facilities Council (STFC)
- Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC)

Bio BIC will help small biotechnology businesses, emerging from leading bioscience research, turn their innovative technology concepts into market reality.

Located within STFC's Daresbury Laboratory, Bio BIC will ensure that biotechnology businesses, built on leading bioscience research, can bridge the gap between science and market and achieve their full commercial potential.

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## **Pharmaron & Vaccitech plc announce strategic partnership for development and cGMP manufacturing services for Adenoviral Vector programme**

Pharmaron and Vaccitech are delighted to announce that we have entered into a Strategic Partnership for Development and cGMP Manufacturing Services for Vaccitech's Adenoviral Vector programme. Pharmaron will become a key part of Vaccitech's manufacturing network to support novel T cell immunotherapeutics and vaccines from its proprietary ChAdOx1 viral vector platform.

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## **Quotient Sciences expands formulation development capabilities at Nottingham, UK**

Quotient Sciences, the drug development and manufacturing accelerator, today announced that it has completed an expansion of its early-phase formulation development capabilities for oral dosage forms at its Nottingham, UK, facility. The expanded services build upon the site's existing formulation capabilities and increases capacity to support fully integrated drug development programs through the company's flagship platform, Translational Pharmaceuticals®.

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## **Biomatics launches specialist Bioinformatics Services**

Geonomics are a set of pivotal methodologies in the life science sector, involving the acquisition, management and curation of complex biological data, tools and methods for analysis of large and heterogenous data sets and presenting results in easy to interpret outputs.

Biomatics have recently launched a series of Bioinformatics Services, designed to support the industry to successfully undertake projects and pieces of work.

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## **Bruntwood SciTech post record profits**

Bruntwood SciTech, the Legal & General and Bruntwood 50/50 joint venture specialist property platform focussed on the UK's life science and tech industries, has reported its best results to date.

Profits grew significantly in 2022 hitting £114m, up from £17.1m in 2021, following the completion and successful letting-up of several key assets and the growing recognition of life sciences as a distinct real estate asset class, all of which contributed to significant revaluation gains.

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## **PharmaKure announces successful scientific advice meeting with the MHRA**

In January 2023, PharmaKure had a scientific advice meeting with the UK Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) to discuss PharmaKure's Alzheimer's drug candidate, PK051. The meeting considered data relevant to the commencement of human trials with PK051, including the protocol for the Phase 2a safety, tolerability and multi-dose ascending dose study. The MHRA concluded that this was sufficient for the Clinical Trial Application (CTA) submission. The MHRA meeting also provided an opportunity for the Company to outline its plans for PK051.

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## **CAS and Torx Software collaborate to streamline and accelerate small molecule discovery and design**

Torx® Software Limited, provider of the ground-breaking Torx technology platform for managing small molecule discovery chemistry, today announced a collaboration with CAS, a division of the American Chemical Society, to connect CAS SciFindern users seamlessly through the Torx platform to streamline workflows for discovery chemistry. The integration expands on the intrinsic design and analysis capabilities within Torx to speed time to relevant, actionable insights and optimize decision-making.

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## **Durham University's Enterprise Zone - Orbit announces a series of Fully Funded Leadership Workshops**

**15th March and 19th April 10.00am - 2.00pm**

Recognising that in many start-up/early-stage businesses individuals are initially hired for their technical abilities and as the business grows, they become leaders by default

without the benefit of any leadership training and in many cases with no relevant experience.

The leadership workshops are intended to equip the participants with the skills and knowledge to identify their own leadership style and learn how best to translate this to the effective leadership of their team. Gaining understanding of the dynamics of a successful team and how to ensure everyone is striving towards a common goal.

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## What is the North East devolution deal?

Following extensive negotiations, the Government announced in December a devolution deal for the local authority areas of County Durham, Gateshead, Newcastle, North Tyneside Northumberland, South Tyneside and Sunderland.

The cabinets of the seven local authorities have now agreed the terms and process for the devolution deal and have approved the next stage of the plans, which include a public consultation.

A mayoral election is expected to take place in May 2024 and a new combined authority would be created, while the existing North of Tyne Combined Authority and North East Combined Authority would cease to operate.

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## Aptamer Group partner with BaseCure Therapeutics to develop new targeted gene therapies

Aptamer Group plc, the developer of novel Optimer® binders to enable innovation in the life sciences industry, today announces a new partnership with BaseCure Therapeutics for the development of Optimer-targeted gene therapies.

BaseCure Therapeutics is a pre-clinical stage biotech company dedicated to the discovery and development of innovative siRNA-based medicines. Aptamer is working

with BaseCure Therapeutics to identify Optimer binders that identify specific cell types that might be developed as potential delivery vehicles for siRNA uptake into target cells and tissues.

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## 19th Anglonordic Life Science Conference 2023

**Thursday 20th April 2023**

The event to discover, collaborate, and invest in the success of UK and Nordic life sciences.

The Annual Anglonordic Life Science Conference is back for 2023. Join us for the 19th edition of this must-attend conference. You will have opportunities to:

- MEET decision makers at leading and upcoming drug discovery and technology companies from the UK and Nordic regions, and investment firms throughout Europe.
- LEARN from major investment firms about the current status of European investment in life science technologies.
- GAIN insights from experienced life science operators within the Anglo-Nordic space.

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## **Businesses need to start thinking of apprenticeships as succession planning**

In a competitive landscape with rising salary expectations and recruitment costs, it's becoming more important and beneficial to "grow your own" talent.

Experienced staff don't simply appear out of thin air - they are developed and nurtured by companies that recognize potential and invest in their growth. Taking on an apprentice is a great way to invest in the future of your company and the scientists of the future.

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## **CY Partners' guide to interviewing within pharma and biotechnology**

The pharma and biotechnology industries are highly competitive, with recruitment agencies being inundated with candidate enquiries each week. They are constantly evolving and growing, thus they are challenging yet desirable industries to work in.

Pharma and biotechnology are very different to other sectors and if you are determined to either commence or build a career in either, the task of landing the perfect role for you can be daunting.

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## **UK – Germany Bilateral: Collaborative R&D**

UK registered organisations, collaborating with at least one German SME applying under the equivalent German ZIM programme, can apply for a share of up to £4 million for collaborative research projects resulting in innovative solutions.

**Competition opens: Tuesday 7 February 2023**  
**Competition closes: Wednesday 7 June 2023 at 11:00am**

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## **FTI Consulting: Life Sciences Tax**

FTI Consulting's Life Science Tax Team offer a fully integrated service working alongside international tax, technology, economics, data and analytics, restructuring and transaction support, and strategic communications specialists to ensure seamless delivery of advice.

As the exclusive member of the WTS Global Network in the UK, we work with world-leading tax consultancies and law firms to provide solutions to clients at a cross-jurisdictional level.

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## **Employer Sponsorship and SMEs**

Businesses of all sizes are currently exploring whether they need to hold a sponsor licence in order to fill key vacancies and address current labour shortages.

In the post-Brexit era, employee sponsorship - normally in the Skilled Worker category - is often a legal requirement for recruiting any non-UK nationals (including EU nationals).

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## **The Cybercriminal Ecosystem: Evolution and Extortion**

Businesses working in professional services rely on their reputation and hold lots of confidential and valuable information belonging to their clients and the projects they work on. This combination makes them the ideal target for cybercriminals who once inside a firm's IT systems will use a number of different tactics to hold a firm to ransom.

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## Sponsor a Challenge

The NC3Rs is now inviting submissions from organisations that would like to sponsor new CRACK IT Challenges for the 2023 competition. Please note that we will only be accepting submissions for Single Phase CRACK IT Challenge ideas for 2023.

Please read the guidance in the link below for further information on how to submit your idea or contact the CRACK IT team at [crackitenquiries@nc3rs.org.uk](mailto:crackitenquiries@nc3rs.org.uk).

**Closing date: Wednesday 8th March 2023**

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**Behruz Sheikh** (North West & Yorkshire)

**Matthew Garner** (Northern Region)

<https://bionow.co.uk/jobs>

For further information contact the **Bionow team**.



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## Oncology Development Programme, ODP2 Part 2 – DISCOVER



7th - 9th March 2023  
Online

Calling UK innovators with an oncology innovation that would benefit from accelerated translation through development. Directly access the development expertise you need from across the global oncology ecosystem by participating in ODP2. ODP2 is open to the UK-based academic community and early-stage companies with an oncology-focused innovation (including therapeutic of any modality, diagnostic & biomarker, digital health, medtech, platform technology).

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## BIO-Europe Spring 2023



20th - 22nd March 2023  
Basel, Switzerland

Bionow members can save 16% on all access registrations through **BioPartner UK**, receiving a £GBP invoice and no VAT to pay. Alternatively, request a 10% self-



## Diagnostics North East Conference 2023



Friday 17th March 2023  
The Catalyst, Newcastle Helix

Diagnostics North East (DxNE) are excited to announce our 2023 conference! Join us in-person on 17 March for a showcase of our regions incredible diagnostics infrastructure, expertise, and resources, which provide unrivalled opportunities for researchers, clinicians, and industry. The conference will also introduce “Therapeutics North East” – a developing regional hub, working as a cohesive structure with DxNE.

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## Flexible Facility for Fast AAV Delivery



Thursday 23rd March 2023  
Online

registration code.

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### **Accelerating Biologics Through the Clinic: A Seamless Development-to- Manufacture Approach**

**Catalent**

**Tuesday 28th March 2023**

**Medicon Valley Alliance, Copenhagen,  
Denmark**

Join Catalent for this in-person expert session to learn more about key considerations for transitioning a molecule from clinical to commercial, beginning with cell line development and biomanufacturing, to formulation and filling and managing clinical trial supply.

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**Are you hosting conferences and digital events? Would you like Bionow to assist with the promotion of these events?**

This webinar by Pharmaron will discuss how facility design & operation and advanced analytics support the manufacturing of viral vectors with a focus on speed and quality of drug substance to the clinic. Follow the link below to see the full Agenda.

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### **Using molecular dynamics to produce an ensemble of protein conformations for more biologically relevant docking experiments**



**Thursday 6th April 2023**

**Online**

Docking is a method that utilizes protein structures to generate ligand binding poses and scores the interactions that are made. This method is used extensively in drug discovery to screen molecule designs and help prioritize them. Docking software typically treats the protein as a rigid body, whilst the ligand is conformationally flexible.

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