

Cross-Party Group on Life Sciences

Tuesday 17 June 2025, 5.45pm – 7.30pm

Agenda

Agenda item 1

Opening, Welcome and Introductions, Convener, Kenneth Gibson MSP

Agenda item 2

Minutes of the previous meeting and AGM

Agenda item 3

An overview of the University of the West of Scotland's partnership with Motherwell-based biotech company RoukenBio, which specialises in immunology, uses advanced laboratory models to understand how immune cells behave in different disease conditions. The collaboration brings together academic research and industry expertise to address complex innovation challenges, support regional innovation, and improve public health outcomes.

Dr Anne Crilly, Senior Lecturer, School of Health and Life Sciences, UWS and
Dr Athanasios Koulis, Knowledge Transfer Partnership Associate, RoukenBio – Q&A

Agenda item 4

Expanding Early Cancer Detection in Scotland: The Case for EndoSign®
Cytel Health's EndoSign® capsule sponge test is a minimally invasive diagnostic tool for Barrett's oesophagus. Piloted and evaluated in NHS Scotland during the COVID-19 pandemic, it demonstrated significant resource savings, improved early detection rates, and reduced waiting times.

Dr David Spackman, UK General Manager, Cytel Health – Q&A