UK Life Sciences Membership Associations

There are many key life science membership associations in the UK that bring together networks of UK life science companies. They represent and demonstrate the key strengths of the UK and support business growth, competitiveness and innovation in the sector.

Association of British Healthcare Industries (ABHI)

The Association of British Healthcare Industries (ABHI) is the industry association for the medical technology sector in the UK. ABHI’s mission is to champion the benefits and use of safe and effective medical technologies to deliver high quality patient outcomes. ABHI membership is open to manufacturers as well as service companies involved in the sector, such as distributors, professional groups and lawyers.

www.abhi.org.uk

The Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry (ABPI)

The Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry (ABPI) represents innovative research-based biopharmaceutical companies, large, medium and small, leading an exciting new era of biosciences in the UK. The ABPI is recognised by government as the industry body negotiating on behalf of the branded pharmaceutical industry for statutory consultation requirements including the pricing scheme for medicines in the UK.

www.abpi.org.uk

Association of Independent Healthcare Organisations (AIHO)

The Association of Independent Healthcare Organisations (AIHO) is the trade association for independent healthcare providers across the UK. AIHO represents over 200 hospitals that provide services to insured, self-paying and NHS-funded patients. AIHO members vary from large hospital groups to smaller, specialist providers of specific surgeries and treatments.

http://aiho.org.uk/
AXrEM

AXrEM is the UK trade association representing the interests of suppliers of diagnostic medical imaging, radiotherapy, healthcare IT and care equipment in the UK. The majority of diagnostic medical imaging and radiotherapy equipment installed in UK hospitals is supplied by AXrEM members. The Association’s primary role is to help promote and develop the industry by providing a collective interface to address the regulatory and technical needs of the UK Healthcare market – public and private.

www.axrem.org.uk

BHTA

The British Healthcare Trades Association (BHTA) is the UK’s oldest and largest healthcare association, founded in 1917. The BHTA members make or sell assistive technology products that help people live more independently. These range from wheelchairs and scooters to stairlifts, seating and positioning products, patient support surfaces, rehabilitation products, stoma and continence products, prosthetics, orthotics and augmentative communication devices for people with limited speech.

www.bhta.net

BIA

The UK BioIndustry Association, the BIA, is the trade association for innovative enterprises involved in UK bioscience. Members include start-up, emerging and more established bioscience companies; pharmaceutical companies; academic, research and philanthropic organisations; and service providers to the bioscience sector. The BIA works to further the interests of members and the industry – nationally and internationally.

www.bioindustry.org

Bionow

Bionow supports business growth, competitiveness and innovation within the biomedical and life science sectors across Northern England. Our membership services add value and cost-efficiency to scientific, clinical and business operations within early stage and growth-oriented firms. The Bionow membership base includes start-ups and early stage firms as well as established growth-oriented companies.

www.bionow.co.uk

BIVDA

The British In Vitro Diagnostics Association represents the IVD Industry in the UK, to Government, professional bodies, the public, and at the European Diagnostic Manufacturers Association. Giving support to members on regulatory issues, BIVDA also promotes the clinical and cost utility of IVDs in the provision of effective healthcare, both in acute diagnosis and in the prediction and prevention of disease.

www.bivda.co.uk
**British Health Care Association (BHCA)**

The British Health Care Association represents not for profit health care organisations, including most of the UK's leading health cash plan providers. Some of these also offer private medical cover and health related employee benefits.

http://www.bhca.org.uk/

**Clinical and Contract Research Association (CCRA)**

The Clinical & Contract Research Association (CCRA) is the voice for all organisations which provide clinical and contract development services for the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries. They also support those people who choose to take part in clinical trials. CCRA helps ensure that patients and volunteers receive the very best professional attention and information through every stage of their participation in trials.

https://www.ccra.org.uk/

**Digital Health and Care Alliance**

DHACA is a non-profit sector-led organisation that furthers the cause of digital health and care systems in the UK and Europe, championing scalability and interoperability. Originally known as “i3i” under the i-focus dallas project, DHACA is now an independent membership-led body of statutory and private service providers, manufacturers, software developers, consumer representative bodies, regulatory bodies, trade bodies and others in the UK who want to create an opportunity to develop large-scale, collaborative business models through the promotion of open standards, collaborative architectures, and interoperability.

http://dhaca.org.uk/

**GAMBICA**

GAMBICA is the Trade Association for Instrumentation, Control, Automation and Laboratory Technology in the UK. The Association's primary objectives are to further the successful development of the industry and to promote the competitiveness and profitability of member companies. The scope of the Association covers four sectors of industry: Industrial automation products and systems; Process instrumentation and control; Laboratory technology; Test and measurement equipment for electrical and electronics industries.

http://www.gambica.org.uk/
Medilink East Midlands

Medilink EM is the East Midlands life science industry association, whose aim is to help companies establish, develop and grow. Medilink EM provides specialist support to boost the region’s economic output from life sciences by overcoming barriers to growth.

http://www.medilinkem.com/home

Medilink North West

Medilink North West is a membership-based professional organisation with a remit to stimulate growth and innovation in the medical and health technology sector throughout the North West.

http://www.medilinknorthwest.co.uk/

Medilink South West

Medilink South West is the region’s life science industry network, providing organisations with specialist advice, events, and opportunities. We aim to reduce the barriers to commercial growth in order to boost the South West’s economic output from life sciences.

http://www.medilinksw.com/

Medilink West Midlands

Medilink West Midlands is a membership organisation with a remit to stimulate growth and innovation in the medical and health technology sector

http://www.medilinkwm.co.uk/

Medilink Yorkshire & Humber

With customers at the heart of all of Medilink Yorkshire & Humber's services, it is our goal to use our experience and expertise in the sector to take your organisation to the next level

http://www.medilink.co.uk/

Medi-Wales

MediWales is the life science network for Wales. MediWales is owned by its members and managed through a board of member-elected non-executive directors. Members are largely made up of academics, businesses and clinicians, along with business support organisations and research centres.

www.mediwales.com
**ONE Nucleus**

One Nucleus is a membership organisation for international life science and healthcare companies. One Nucleus is a not-for-profit, membership organisation members include pharmaceutical, biotech, medical device and diagnostic companies and associated technical and commercial service providers.

www.onenucleus.com

**Science Industry Partnership (SIP)**

The Science Industry Partnership (SIP) is an initiative that seeks to develop the right scientific and technical skills which are aligned to the manufacture of future medicines. Membership is available and allows access to a range of support.

www.scienceindustrypartnership.com

**SEHTA**

South East Health Technologies Alliance (SEHTA) is one of the largest healthcare technology networking organisations in the UK with 1,300 members from 20 different countries and a database of more than 7,000 contacts spanning academia, industry, clinicians, the NHS and wider health and social care providers, local government, policy-makers, research councils and funding bodies.

www.sehta.co.uk

**techUK**

techUK represents the companies and technologies that are defining today the world that we will live in tomorrow. More than 900 companies are members of techUK. Collectively they employ approximately 800,000 people, about half of all tech sector jobs in the UK. These companies range from leading FTSE 100 companies to new innovative start-ups. The majority of our members are small and medium-sized businesses.

http://www.techuk.org/

**TSA**

TSA (formerly known as Telecare Services Association) is the industry body for Technology Enabled Care (TEC), representing the largest industry specific network in Europe and bringing together a growing membership of organisations across local government, health and the private sector. TSA organises the annual International Technology Enabled Care Conference and drives quality throughout the sector through its internationally recognised Integrated Code of Practice. TSA is a not-for-profit membership based organisation, with a current membership of over 350 organisations across the UK and overseas.

https://www.tsa-voice.org.uk/