

**1) Preliminaries**

- Organisational research governance to be confirmed in advance
- Review 'Study Information Sheet' (sent prior) – does the participant have any questions?
- Confirm permission to digitally record interview
- Sign consent forms (2 copies – one for researcher, one for participant. Participant copy can be scanned and sent via email as PDF).
- Collect information on respondent characteristics: Job role(s) [including Board positions]; Main employer [if applicable]

**2) Policy Context**

- 1. To begin, please can you tell us what is your job role currently? [Prompt any overlapping roles?] Confirm time in role.**
- 2. Have you had involvement with life science / health innovation policymaking? Prompt:**
  - a. BIS / OLS / Treasury job roles?**
  - b. Innovation, Health and Wealth?**
  - c. Accelerated Access Review?**
  - d. R&D / UK life science?**
  - e. NHS Five Year Forward Review**
- 3. [If yes]: Can you explain how you became involved and your input?**
- 4. Over the last 5 years, have you noticed any important changes in the direction of health innovation / life science policies in the UK?**
  - a. Prompt: Dept of Health; Department of Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS) and HM Treasury cross-working.**
- 5. Do you have any view on how global economic recession has impacted on / life sciences / health policymaking?**

**3) NHS Innovation and AHSNs**

6. In your view, what are the greatest challenges currently influencing the adoption and spread innovations in the NHS?
7. Do you have any recommendations about what changes are needed for innovation adoption to be delivered effectively across the NHS?
8. Have you had direct or indirect involvement with Academic Health Science Networks to date?
9. What is your perception of AHSNs' overall effectiveness in terms of meeting the challenge of:
  - a. Innovation spread at regional level?
  - b. Innovation spread at national level?
  - c. Health Improvement?
  - d. Wealth creation?
10. Have you noted any new interactions arising between private firms, universities and the NHS on account of AHSNs?
11. Which AHSNs do you think might have an advantage nationally, and why? [Probe on observable key differences between the AHSNs].
12. Do you have any recommendations on the types of innovations that AHSNs should prioritise?
13. We have heard in the course of our research that NHS policy can appear "crowded" with a number of initiatives and programmes running in parallel, and that this may be confusing for industry or those less familiar with the NHS context. Do you have any comments/observations about this?
14. Any other comments?