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Dear colleague,

Re: NHS England review into professional registration ('credentialing') for the life sciences industry

In August 2014 NHS England announced a review into how life sciences industry personnel are authorised to access primary and secondary care settings – a process referred to as 'credentialing'.

The work has dual purpose: ensuring safety of patients and staff and maximising the quality and efficiency of NHS-industry interaction. Our key aims are twofold: to develop a set of national policies and standards and support a system of implementation across the NHS.

After seeking information and views from across the NHS and industry we are well on the way to understanding the specific priorities to be addressed. These include a single, national system that is transparent, practical and proportionate and keeps cost and bureaucracy to a minimum. With the first phase of consultation complete, we are ready to embark on the next steps to delivering an independently accredited industry register for the Life Sciences sector. These are:

- forming an autonomous, multi-sector steering group
- developing the core standards and criteria
- laying the groundwork for practical implementation of the system.

The timeline for completion of this work has been set for March 2016.

We encourage you to communicate this message through your networks and help us realise the benefit to patient and workforce this work will bring.

To have your say and stay updated follow our dedicated NHS Networks 'credentialing review' group:

[https://www.networks.nhs.uk/nhs-networks/credentialing-for-the-life-sciences-industry/join this network](https://www.networks.nhs.uk/nhs-networks/credentialing-for-the-life-sciences-industry/join-this-network)

For any other queries or comments, please don't hesitate to email claire.greszczuk@abhi.org.uk or anne.boyens@nhs.net

Many thanks in advance of your help,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Sue Hill'.

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