

The DIA-MHRA Global Summit

University of London, London, UK | 16-17 November 2026

Please note that this programme is currently in draft form and remains subject to further discussion and refinement. Session titles, timings, formats, and speaker details may therefore be modified as the programme continues to develop.

Key topics: advanced/next generation therapeutics; rare disease; clinical research and real-world evidence; biotech investments; multi-sector collaborations in biomedical science and healthcare; regulatory convergence and reliance; digitalisation and healthcare data.

Day 1 | Monday 16 November 2026

Time	Session / Track A	Session / Track B
08:30-09:30	Registration and Networking <i>(Sponsorship opportunity)</i>	
09:30-09:40	Welcome Remarks • Lawrence Tallon, MHRA CEO • Marwan Fathallah, DIA CEO	
09:40-11:00	Keynote Plenary and Panel Discussion: UK Leading Innovation in Life Sciences Title: The Next Decade of Medical Product Development: Faster, Smarter, More Expensive Keynote speech Moderators: Lawrence Tallon, MHRA Panellists: <i>To be announced</i>	
11:00-11:30	Coffee Break and Networking <i>(Sponsorship opportunity)</i>	
11:30-13:00	Session 2: Regulation Fueling Global Innovation Title: From Gatekeeper to Growth Engine: How Regulation Can Enable the Next Decade of Medical Innovation Keynote Speech Confirmed speaker: Lawrence Tallon, CEO, MHRA (regulatory perspective)	

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13:00-14:00	Networking Lunch <i>(Sponsorship opportunity)</i>	
14:00-15:30	Session 3a: Next Generation Therapeutics (mRNA, Gene Editing, Cell Therapy) Title: Are Innovative Products Actually Reaching the Patients Who Need Them Most? Co-chairs: Julian Beach , MHRA Confirmed speakers	Session 3b: Clinical Research and Data Title: Unlocking Data to Power Health Innovation and Safety Chair: Alison Cave , MHRA Keynotes: Format: Reflections and regulatory perspective: Alison Cave (15 mins); Followed by fireside chat between three with audience Q&A (45 mins)
15:30-16:00	Coffee Break and Networking <i>(Sponsorship opportunity)</i>	
16:00-17:30	Session 4: Clinical Research and RWE Title: Beyond the Physical Trial: In Silico Methods and the Future of Evidence Generation Chair: James Pound , MHRA and Jane Wall , Managing Director, BIA	
17:30-17:45	Closing Remarks	
18:30-20:30	VIP MHRA Parliamentary Reception	

Day 2 | Tuesday 17 November 2026

Time	Session / Track A	Session / Track B
08:30-09:15	Registration and Networking <i>(Sponsorship opportunity)</i>	
09:15-10:45	Keynote Session 5: Advanced Therapies (Rare Diseases) Title: To be confirmed Confirmed MHRA chair: Julian Beach , Executive Director, MHRA Healthcare Quality Format: Fireside chat and focused Q&A (45 minutes), followed by panel discussion (45 minutes): Panelists	
10:45-11:15	Coffee Break and Networking <i>(Sponsorship opportunity)</i>	
11:15-12:45	Session 6a: International Convergence, Harmonisation and Reliance Title: What Do We Mean by Global Regulatory Alignment, Where Has It Worked in Practice and What Does the Future Look Like? Format: 90-minute session Chairs: Daniel O'Connor, ABPI and James Pound, MHRA Speakers	Session 6b: Software and AI Regulation, the Revolution Title: AI at the Regulatory Frontier: Medical Devices, Medicines and the Converging Rules for Innovation Chairs: Dr. Ed Middleton, MHRA Director of Strategy Format: 90-minute session Keynote Panelists
13:00-14:00	Lunch and Networking <i>(Sponsorship opportunity)</i>	
14:00-15:15	Session 7: Plenary Session and Panel: Investments in the Biomedical Space and UK Policy to Enable Innovation and Growth Title: Where Is Smart Money Going in Product Development? The Global Shift Co-Chairs: <i>to be announced</i> Format: Keynote remarks, moderated fireside chat and panel discussion	

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15:15-15:30	Takeaways and Closing Remarks Recapping the insights from the discussions over the last two days, with commitments on next steps. • Lawrence Tallon, MHRA • Marwan Fathallah, DIA	
15:30-17:00	Possible End-of-Event Reception / Afternoon Tea <i>Sponsorship opportunity.</i>	