

Higher Specialist Scientist Equivalence (HSSE) and How to Get It 2025

Monday 8 September 2025 – Zoom, Online

10:00 - 10:15	Welcome and Introductions Ms Afsana Choudhury, IPEM Training and Development Officer
10:15 – 10:45	AHCS HSS Equivalence Process Ms Lynne Smith, AHCS Equivalence Lead
10.45 – 11:25	HSS Equivalence and Top Tips Mr Rob Biggar, Lead Physicist at Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS FT Dr Geoff Heyes, Head of Radiotherapy Treatment Planning at University Hospitals Birmingham NHS FT Dr Gemma Greenfinch, Principal Nuclear Medicine Physicist at Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS FT Professor Colin Gibson, CEng, FIPEM, FIET, FAHCS, Consultant Clinical Scientist, Head of Rehabilitation Engineering, Cardiff and Vale University Health Board
11:25 – 11:40	Break

11:40 - 12:00	HSS Equivalence: Assessor Perspective Professor Chris Hopkins FLSW, FAHCS, FIPEM, CSci, CEng, Head of Innovation & the TriTech Institute, Hywel Dda University Health Board & President of the UK Academy for Healthcare Science
12:00- 12:45	Question and Answer Session All facilitators
12:45 – 13:45	Lunch
13:45 - 14:45	Standards of Proficiency: Sharing Challenges and Solutions Interactive Breakout Session
14:45 – 15:00	Final Thoughts and Close