

Higher Specialist Scientist Equivalence (HSSE) and How to Get It 2026

Monday 7 September 2026 – Online

10:00 - 10:15	Welcome and Introductions
	Mrs Afsana Choudhury, IPEM Training and Development Officer
10:15 – 10:50	AHCS HSS Equivalence Process
	Ms Lynne Smith, AHCS Equivalence Lead
10.50 – 11:30	HSS Equivalence and Top Tips
	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
	Mr Paul Lee, Consultant Clinical Scientist, Head of Medical Equipment Management Services, Morriston Hospital, Swansea Bay University Health Board
	Ms Clare Anderson, Medical Physics training lead, NHSE; HCS Workforce Lead, CE ICB & Lead Radiotherapy Physicist, E&N Hertfordshire Teaching Trust
11:30 – 11:45	Break

11:45 - 12:10	HSS Equivalence: Assessor Perspective
	Professor Chris Hopkins FLSW, FAHCS, FIPEM, CSci, CEng, Acting Director of Research, Innovation & Value, Hywel Dda University Health Board & President of the UK Academy for Healthcare Science
12:10- 12:50	Question and Answer Session
	All facilitators
12:50 – 13:45	Lunch
13:45 - 14:45	Sharing Challenges and Solutions
	Interactive Session
	Breakout Room 1 (Radiotherapy)
	Facilitators Geoff Heyes & Ms Clare Anderson
14:45 – 15:00	Breakout Room 2 (Imaging Physics and Clinical Biomedical Engineering)
	Facilitators Gemma Greenfinch & Paul Lee
Final Thoughts and Close	