

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

Monday 7 September 2026 – Zoom, Online

10:00 - 10:15	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b> Mrs Afsana Choudhury, IPEM Training and Development Officer
10:15 – 10:50	<b>AHCS HSS Equivalence Process</b> Ms Lynne Smith, AHCS Equivalence Lead
10.50 – 11:20	<b>HSS Equivalence and Top Tips</b>  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
11:20 – 11:35	<b>Break</b>

11:35 - 12:00	<b>HSS Equivalence: Assessor Perspective</b> 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	<b>Question and Answer Session</b> All facilitators
12:45 – 13:45	<b>Lunch</b>
13:45 - 14:45	<b>Sharing Challenges and Solutions</b> <i>Interactive Session</i>  <b>Breakout Room 1 (Radiotherapy)</b> Facilitator Geff Heyes  <b>Breakout Room 2 (Imaging Physics and Clinical Biomedical Engineering)</b> Facilitators Gemma Greenfinch and Paul Lee
14:45 – 15:00	<b>Final Thoughts and Close</b>