

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

Monday 7 September 2026 – Zoom, Online

10:00 - 10:15	Welcome and Introductions <i>Mrs Afsana Choudhury, IPEM Training and Development Officer</i>
10:15 – 10:50	AHCS HSS Equivalence Process <i>Ms Lynne Smith, AHCS Equivalence Lead</i>
10.50 – 11:20	HSS Equivalence and Top Tips <i>Dr Geoff Heyes, Head of Radiotherapy Treatment Planning at University Hospitals Birmingham NHS FT</i>
	<i>Dr Gemma Greenfinch, Principal Nuclear Medicine Physicist at Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS FT</i>
	<i>Mr Paul Lee, Consultant Clinical Scientist, Head of Medical Equipment Management Services, Morriston Hospital, Swansea Bay University Health Board</i>
11:20 – 11:35	Break

11:35 - 12:00	HSS Equivalence: Assessor Perspective <i>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</i>
12:00- 12:45	Question and Answer Session <i>All facilitators</i>
12:45 – 13:45	Lunch
13:45 - 14:45	Sharing Challenges and Solutions <i>Interactive Session</i>
	Breakout Room 1 (Radiotherapy) <i>Facilitators Geff Heyes & Ms Clare Anderson (Medical Physics training lead, NHSE; HCS Workforce Lead, CE ICB & Lead Radiotherapy Physicist, E&N Hertfordshire Teaching Trust)</i>
	Breakout Room 2 (Imaging Physics and Clinical Biomedical Engineering) <i>Facilitators Gemma Greenfinch & Paul Lee</i>
14:45 – 15:00	Final Thoughts and Close