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**Memorandum of Understanding for  
Oxford Academic Health Partners**

**Background**

Since 2014, the University of Oxford (UoO), Oxford Brookes University (OBU), Oxford University Hospitals NHS FT (OUH) and Oxford Health NHS FT (OH) ('the Partners') have been working together as the Oxford Academic Health Science Centre. This partnership has successfully increased strategic alignment and collaboration between the Partners across a wide range of activities including strategic planning, education and teaching, research and innovation.

In 2019, as part of the national process, the Partners submitted an application to become one of the newly proposed NIHR-NHSE/ Academic Health Science Centres. In that application, the partners agreed a vision and strategy supported by short, medium and long-term objectives.

**Purpose**

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is drawn up to detail how the University of Oxford (UoO), Oxford Brookes University (OBU), Oxford University Hospitals NHS FT (OUH) and Oxford Health NHS FT (OH) will work together to deliver Oxford Academic Health Partners (OAHP).

This MoU sets out the areas for collaboration and of shared interest and shared working between UoO, OBU, OUH and OH. Furthermore, this MoU is intended to provide a basis for further collaboration and on which a formal joint working agreement may be drawn up between the Partners. The MoU is valid for the period of the earliest of five years from the date of signature or until this MoU is superseded by a formal working agreement.

**Areas for collaboration**

The Partners have identified specific areas of collaboration and a joint vision for the OAHP to continue to work together. The Partners propose to:

build on their track record of discovery and translational research, innovation and education to create an infrastructure that accelerates the testing of innovations from all healthcare stakeholders to deliver patient benefit.  
create a dynamic research culture through promotion of multidisciplinary working and collaboration, extending healthcare research and education into new disciplines.  
provide the platform to promote multidisciplinary research including all clinical and allied health professionals, healthcare scientists, paramedics, social workers, working together with patents.  
develop the workforce in transformative technologies through education and training, in areas including big data, genomics, bioinformatics and advanced therapeutics. To support this, create a Centre for Healthcare Implementation & Change to train the workforce in approaches to implementation and adoption of innovation  
drive national efforts to develop, translate and adopt innovations into the NHS, leveraging local assets and skills to support collaboration and partnerships with Oxford AHSN and BOB

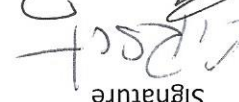

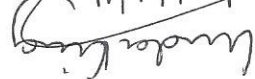
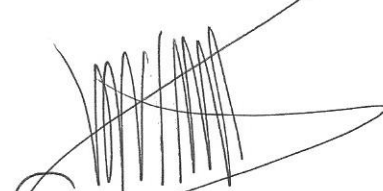
ICS and with other AHSCs and stakeholders to support innovation and implementation addressing the priorities of NHS LTP, the Life Science Industry Strategy and the AAC. support development of the OAHF estate, including a new clinical-academic campus dedicated to neuroscience and mental health, combining translational research with high quality clinical care. expand capacity in target discovery for new drugs, building on public-private partnerships, and development of gene/nucleic acid therapies including manufacturing capacity. develop the OAHF's campus as an international centre for multi-disciplinary and cross-sector research, attracting major pharma and medtech companies to invest in Oxford to support the development of technologies and therapeutics to address national and international priorities.

**Agreement**

The partners agree to work together on activities that support the areas of collaboration listed above to deliver the vision for OAHF.

This MoU will take effect from the date of signature and be reviewed by participants at the end of each year it is active. This Memorandum of Understanding can be amended at any time by mutual consent of all partners and can be terminated by any party giving notice in writing.

**Signed:**

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