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## AHSC Joint meeting



Representatives from England's five Academic Health Science Centres (AHSCs) gathered at Madingley Hall in Cambridge on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June for their second national meeting, hosted by Cambridge University Health Partners.

The five AHSCs are:

[Cambridge University Health Partners \(CUHP\)](#)

UCL Partners

Kings Health Partners

Imperial Healthcare NHS Trust and

Manchester Academic Health Science Centre

Representatives from The University of Oxford and the NIHR Biomedical Research Centres group also attended the meeting.

Led by CUHP Director, Professor JG Patrick Sissons, Regius Professor of Physic, University of Cambridge, the first section of the meeting examined the progress made by the AHSCs to date and the challenges they face.

A session chaired by Professor Chris Ham, focussed on how AHSCs might influence policy in relation to health and research. The AHSCs discussed how and on what areas they might work collectively to influence policy makers.

The meeting was also attended by NHS Global who explored opportunities for promoting NHS intellectual property and the NHS brand through the work of AHSCs.

“This meeting was an excellent opportunity to review our progress and to see how the five UK AHSCs might work together to achieve real improvements in the health of the population by quickly translating key research achievements into better patient services.” said Stephen Davies, Chief Operating Officer, Cambridge University Health Partners.

Pictured left to right are:

**Professor Chris Griffiths (MAHSC)**  
**Stephen Davies (CUHP)**  
**Dr James Mountford (UCL Partners)**  
**Professor Chris Ham (The Kings Fund)**  
**Sir Cyril Chantler (UCLP) – back row**  
**Professor Alan North (MAHSC) – centre row**  
**Professor Jonathan Weber (Imperial) – front row**  
**Dr Linda Magee (MAHSC) – back row**  
**Professor the Lord Ajay Kakkar (UCL Partners) – centre row**  
**Professor J G Patrick Sissons (CUHP) – front row**  
**Claire Perry (Imperial) – back - row**  
**Frances O’Callaghan (Kings Health Partners) – centre row**  
**Dr John Bradley (Chair of NIHR BRC Directors’ Group) – back row**  
**Professor Stephen K Smith (Imperial) – front row**  
**Professor Rober Lechler (Kings Health Partners)**  
**Professor Peter B Jones (CUHP)**  
**Professor Alastair Buchan (University of Oxford)**  
**Professor David Fish (UCLP)**  
**Professor John Moxham (Kings Health Partners)**

#### **Notes**

The Academic Health Science Centres, are partnerships between world-class universities and leading NHS organisations, and have been recognised as having the potential to compete globally with established academic health centres such as those in the United States, Canada, Singapore, Sweden and the Netherlands.