

Appendix 1: Stockton Borough Council/Teesside University MoU – Shared objectives and potential areas of collaboration/projects

Shared objectives

The organisational objectives and shared vision for the Tees Valley Care and Health Innovation Zone are a starting point for agreeing our shared objectives. Below is an initial outline of potential areas of collaboration/projects. It is intended as an outline and a more detailed action plan will be developed by Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council (SBC) and Teesside University (TU) leads and their respective teams.

Initiatives/areas of collaboration

Objective 1: Developing skills infrastructure and provision that are fit for purpose to support a successful Care and Health sector, and removing barriers to access training		
Aims	Actions	Lead partner & Stakeholders
Pursue ambitions to secure a Medical School in the region	SBC to support TU to make the case to Government and the General Medical Council around the need and impact of a new Medical School in the region.	Lead: TU Stakeholders: SBC and University Hospital Trust
	Work with partners across the care, health and skills landscape to ensure a coordinated approach to understanding future skills needs	Lead: TU Stakeholders: via the C&HIZ Workstream, Chaired by Stockton Riverside College Principal
	Jointly undertake preliminary feasibility work on the spatial requirements for locating a potential medical school and associated supporting infrastructure within the Care and & Health Innovation Zone	Leads: TU/SBC Stakeholder: University Hospital Trust
Objective 2: Ensuring that Innovation, Research & Development drives cutting edge service delivery in Tees Valley, and establishes a regional reputation for excellence		
Aims	Actions	Lead partner & Stakeholders

Create a new Innovation Hub as part of the Tees Valley Care and Health Innovation Zone, which will have a clear focus on supporting agreed innovation gaps in the health and social care sector.	Feasibility study to confirm physical space requirements including for business incubation/acceleration space and support required from the surrounding ecosystem	Leads: SBC Stakeholders: via the C&HIZ workstream, Chaired by TU
	Work with research partners, business and through commissioned consultancy support to identify innovation gaps for the focus of the centre and wider ecosystem.	Lead: TU Stakeholders: via the C&HIZ workstream, Chaired by TU
Develop programmes of activity to support business incubation and growth, targeted and aligned to areas of innovation potential and local demand for Health and Social Care services.	Provide business and employability support, including through our Employment & Training Hub offer, targeted at the Care & Health Sector.	Lead: SBC Stakeholders: via the C&HIZ workstream, Chaired by a business leader
	Explore opportunities to leverage external resource, working together to influence the use of associated funding streams such as UKSPF (or successor funds) and Adult Education Budget.	Lead: SBC Stakeholders: via the C&HIZ workstream, Chaired by a business leader
	Engage with business, continue to deliver and influence UKSPF and other programme delivery.	Lead: TU Stakeholders: via the C&HIZ workstream, Chaired by a business leader
	Explore how Launchpad offer could be adapted to provide specialist support for Care & Health businesses	Lead: TU Stakeholders: via the C&HIZ workstream, Chaired by a business leader
Objective 3: Reducing Health Inequalities by taking a strength-based approach to working with communities, with a focus on Early Intervention and Prevention		
Aims	Actions	Lead partner & stakeholders
Maximise the resources and facilities in local areas, to improve wellbeing,	Leverage the existing strengths in communities to drive positive change,	Lead: SBC

engagement and reduce reliance on council services.	leading to increased collaboration, co-production and community-led initiatives.	
Maximise the use of intelligence, sharing data between organisations to inform decisions and target activity focused on reducing health inequalities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Utilise our shared data to support research and development of interventions and innovative practice to improve health outcomes for our communities and reduce inequalities Jointly contribute and develop the evidence base for what works to reduce health inequalities within the borough and across the Tees Valley 	Leads: SBC / TU
Objective 4: Using research, data analysis and intelligence to inform better decision making that delivers meaningful impact		
Aims	Actions	Lead partners & stakeholders
Develop our shared research agenda to inform a targeted approach and evaluate impact	Deliver place-based research to support regional growth, development and regeneration through a collaborative approach that brings together policymakers, communities, businesses and academics	Leads: TU / SBC
Collaborate to deliver on our shared ambitions, focusing on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Empowering and Inclusive Places Imaginative and Innovative Places Sustainable and Resilient Places. 	Undertake research that seeks to close regional education and skills gaps through participatory projects and identify the potential for the development of shared skillsets to increase capacity in the workforce.	Leads: TU / SBC
	Undertake research will support work the development of sustainable regional and organisational growth strategies that	Leads: TU / SBC

	balance environmental, social, and economic considerations.	
Address current and future challenges facing society today through impactful research, innovation and knowledge exchange	SBC to identify policy and research challenges, as well as supporting research placements or work experience to increase the impact of policy-led research.	Lead: SBC
	TU to share research strengths and seek funding opportunities that can support as policy-led evidence base. Alongside this, opportunities for placements, internships and other work experience opportunities will be explored.	Lead: TU